Graduate Council Minutes  
February 24, 2010  
Alumni Room, Davies Center

Graduate Council Members Present: Wick (Chair), Amdahl, Anderson, Dock, Erffmeyer, Havholm, Jansen, Morrison, Pederson, Peterson, Pollitz, Quinn, Scukanec, Solberg, Stadler, Stephens, Sutton, Wald, Wood  
Guests: Aminpour, St. Aubin-Whelihan

The meeting was called to order by Dean Michael Wick at 3:00 p.m.
1. The minutes of January 27, 2010, were approved as written.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS: The new Writing emphasis in the MA-English program has been announced in the UW-Eau Claire Notices. According to our existing bylaw, if no objections within 30 days then the new emphasis will be approved as proposed. If approved, the two new program titles in the MA-English degree will be:
   - MA English - Writing (new emphasis)
   - MA English - Literature and Textual Interpretation (revision of existing MA-English program)
3. ENTITLEMENT TO PLAN: Dean Scukanec presented the Request for Entitlement to Plan a Master of Science in Leadership Studies, and shared three additional handouts besides the entitlement that was sent via email prior to the meeting*. The MS-Leadership Studies program:
   - Is meant to be a college-wide program.
   - Will be run through Continuing Education (CE), and it will be a revenue-generating program.
   - Will include four (4) new stand-alone graduate certificate programs. To fulfill the requirements for the MS-Leadership Studies degree, a student will be required to take the core Leadership Studies certificate (16 credits), plus one of the other three 15-credit certificate programs. However, a student may choose to complete any one of the stand-alone 15-16 credit graduate certificate programs.
   - Will be very flexible and will meet different kinds of needs.
   - Will be partially online with some face-to-face. Details have not been determined yet. The survey showed that respondents requested this type of “blended-style” program.
   - Is not meant to be a cohort program.
   - Will require a full-time director to recruit students and faculty to the program, and do some teaching.
Concerns that were voiced:
   - Dean Dock noted that he supports the proposal for the new MS-Leadership Studies program. However, on behalf of the college deans, he proposed that we address the bottleneck problem with the processing of the graduate applications for admission. Dean Wick announced that he will be submitting a request to hire a 50% position in Admissions to address this concern.
   - There was some concern expressed about those students completing the “College Teaching” graduate certificate, and what they would be qualified to teach. It was explained that this certificate program will be appealing to those interested in teaching at a community or tech college.
The Council agreed to move forward with this entitlement.
4. BYLAWS: Dean Wick submitted a proposal to clarify Article VII of the bylaws. Some thought the revisions may increase confusion rather than clarify the process. The Council asked Dean Wick to rewrite this article for further clarification.
5. ELECTRONIC THESIS: Dean Wick asked how we would like to move forward with the electronic submission of our theses and research papers. There was great support to move forward, so Dean Wick offered to draft a written process and bring it back to this group for consideration at a future meeting.
6. NEW PROGRAM IDEAS: CE is creating a new survey for working adults. Please send any ideas for new graduate programs that you would like to see added to this survey to Dean Wick. Please keep in mind that if we recommend a program that we need to be willing to develop these programs for working adults. Dean Wick will obtain a list of the graduate programs that have already been added to the survey.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Amdahl, Secretary to the Graduate Council  
March 10, 2010

*Copies of the handouts distributed at GC meetings may be obtained from the Office of Graduate Studies.