

UNL GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 9, 2015

3:30 pm, Seaton 206

The UNL Graduate Council convened at 3:30 p.m. in Room 206 of Seaton Hall. Present were: Professors Rhonda Fuelberth, Ted Hamann, Rita Kean, Jody Redepenning, Melanie Simpson and David Smith; graduate student representatives: Ignacio Correas and Maggi Sliwinski; Ex-officio members: Dean Lance Pérez and Associate Dean Laurie Bellows; and Jane Schneider, Office of Graduate Studies. Members absent: Professors Shannon Bartelt-Hunt and Laurie Thomas Lee. Dean Lance Pérez presided.

Approval of November 13, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of new Graduate Specialization in Chemistry: Teaching at the Postsecondary Level

A motion was made and seconded to approve a specialization in Chemistry: Teaching at the Postsecondary Level. Motion passed unanimously.

New Major: Complex Biosystems PhD program

Professor Melanie Simpson provided a brief overview of the proposal to create a new PhD program in Complex Biosystems. Dean Pérez indicated that a full proposal would be brought to the Council in September.

GSA Report

Maggi Sliwinski and Ignacio Correas reported on current GSA activities.

- Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 6-10
- GSA is drafting a graduate student grievance process. Dean Pérez noted that policies or processes involving graduate students would need to be brought to the Graduate Council for review and approval.
- GSA is working on a survey of graduate student life. Dean Pérez asked that the survey be reviewed by the Graduate Council before it is distributed.
- GSA will be working through Student Involvement to offer social events.

Other

Dean Pérez presented the University Registrar's proposal to no longer list degrees in the Commencement Program. Council members had no objections.

Dean Pérez thanked Professors Jody Redepenning and Rita Kean for their service to the Graduate Council. Elections to fill the vacancies will take place at the end of April.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.