AGENDA
October 7, 2014 (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.)
Location: Interdisciplinary Building B, Room 286

1. Welcome and Introduction of Council Members – Webber (Information)
   a. Introduction of Graduate Education Representatives

2. Overview of Graduate Council Responsibilities – Webber (Information)
   a. Curricular Evaluative Review and Input
   b. Graduate Standards and Policy Review
   c. Graduate Education Initiatives

3. Approval of Previous Minutes – September 9, 2014 Meeting – Webber (Action)

4. Agenda Item(s) – Webber (Action)
   - Proposal to establish an online Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) in Sustainable Engineering in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.
     MSE in Sustainable Engineering (UGC Copy)
     (Questions and responses attached)
   - Proposal to establish a Master of Science (MS) in Biomimicry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
     MS in Biomimicry (UGC Copy)
     (Questions and responses attached)
   - Proposal to establish a Master of Arts (MA) in Sports Journalism in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.
     MA in Sports Journalism (UGC Copy)
     (Questions and responses attached)

5. Roundtable – Council Members (Information)
The University Graduate Council met on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Interdisciplinary Building in conference room 286. Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Dr. Andrew N. Webber presided.

Also in attendance were Eric Wertheimer, Associate Vice Provost; Ajay Vinze, Associate Vice Provost; Kim Naig, Executive Director; Peggy Reid, Administrative Specialist; and Amanda Ribeiro, Program Coordinator Sr.; all from Graduate Education.

Members in attendance were Professors Brenda Morris, College of Nursing and Health Innovation; Kevin Corley, W.P. Carey School of Business; Samuel DiGangi, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College; Jennifer Setlow, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts; Brian Skromme, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering; Elly Van Gelderen, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Frances Matera, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Juliet Weinhold, College of Health Solutions. Professors Michelle Zandieh, School of Letters and Sciences and Patrick Bixby, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, attended by phone.

Excused: Graduate Student Representative, Joanna Merson; Cynthia Lietz, College of Public Programs; Cecilia Menjivar, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Pamela Garrett, Graduate Education.

Members were provided an electronic copy of the proposals and agenda ahead of the meeting for their convenience. Additionally, members were provided with a review of unit responses to their questions.

Dr. Webber began the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the idea of hosting a Graduate Education Retreat. Dr. Webber recently met with Provost Robert Page in regards to changing the structure of Graduate Education, a major topic for review will be time to degree. The retreat will take place over half a day and will have a strong focus on gathering input from graduate faculty and Graduate Advisory Deans. The retreat format will include breakout sessions facilitated by University Graduate Council members.

Motion was made by Dr. Van Gelderen and seconded by Dr. DiGangi, to approve the Minutes from the September 7, 2014, UGC meeting.

**Consent Agenda Items**

- Proposal to establish an online Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) in Sustainable Engineering in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.
  
  MSE in Sustainable Engineering (UGC Copy)
  (Questions and responses attached)

The proposal in Sustainable Engineering was unanimously approved. There were no questions or concerns raised by members of the University Graduate Council.

- Proposal to establish a Master of Science (MS) in Biomimicry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
  
  MS in Biomimicry (UGC Copy)
  (Questions and responses attached)
The proposal in Biomimicry was discussed in depth due to questions and concerns raised by the committee. Members expressed that answers provided for questions raised prior to the committee meeting were not clearly identified. Members questioned the concept of importing the program from a non-accredited institution. There was also some apprehension expressed revolving around the concept of building a program elsewhere and providing ASU credit for the degree. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the educational level of the proposed instructors. Questions such as “What is the future plan for this degree program?” and “Will instruction by master's level lecturers have an effect on accreditation?” were identified and sent to unit for clarification.

The proposal was sent back to the unit with additional questions for better clarification of what the goal and plan for this degree will be in the future.

- Proposal to establish a Master of Arts (MA) in Sports Journalism in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

[MA in Sports Journalism (UGC Copy)](Questions and responses attached)

The proposal to establish a Master of Arts in Sports Journalism was positively accepted. Members discussed this proposal briefly. Members reaffirmed the need for a program such as this in the Cronkite School. Additionally, the proposal has a great deal of support in the community. The proposal was approved by the committee, no questions or concerns were raised.

The Consent Agenda was approved by the members.

Dr. Webber thanked the members for their work and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Amanda Ribeiro
The proposals in linguistics and applied linguistics were discussed by Dr. Van Gelderen and the members moved them forward.

- Proposal to Establish a Master of Arts (MA) in Women and Gender Studies in the College of Liberal Arts
  
  MA in Women and Gender Studies (UGC Copy)
  (Questions and responses attached)

The proposal in Women and Gender studies was discussed due to the low enrollment numbers and high number of electives. Dr. Wertheimer explained that it is very similar to the American Studies program. Dr. Menjivar suggested that they may be trying to maximize resources. The members moved the proposal forward.

- Proposal to Establish a Graduate Certificate in Molecular, Cellular, Tissue and Biomaterials Engineering in the Fulton Schools of Engineering
  
  Graduate Certificate in Molecular, Cellular, Tissue and Biomaterials Engineering (UGC Copy)
  (Questions and responses attached)

There was a brief discussion on the Graduate Certificate in Molecular, Cellular, Tissue and Biomaterials Engineering. Dr. Skromme made the suggestion that they should address background and online certificate. The members moved the proposal forward.

The Consent Agenda was approved by the members.

Dr. Webber thanked the members for their work and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Pamela Garrett