Minutes University Graduate Council March 11, 2009

Present: William McDaniel (Chair), Business Presiding; Gail Burnaford, Education; Ronald Nyhan, CAUPA; Xupei Huang, Biomedical Science

Excused Absence: Ruth McCaffrey, Nursing; Ben Lowe, Arts & Letters; Susan Chase, Nursing; Khaled Sobhan, Engineering; Chad Simon, Graduate Student Association; Massimo Caputi, Biomedical Science; Deborah Floyd, Education; Elwood Hamlin II, CAUPA; Larry Liebovitch, Science; Doug Broadfield, Arts & Letters; John Bernardin, Business; Charles Roberts, Science; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Susan Fulks, Graduate College; Meredith Mountford, Education

The meeting was called to order by Dr. McDaniel at 1:35 p.m.

I. Graduate College Governance Document

McDaniel called attention to sections E.1. and E.2.a. Rosson stated that the April 4, 2008 document had different language for these two sections. Nyhan asked if anyone knew why sections d. and e. from this area were dropped in the subcommittee's revisions. The council discussed the contradiction between "automatic reappointment" and having a "process for reappointment".

Those present concurred to replace E.1.b. from the subcommittee document with the E.1.b. from the April 4, 2008 document. The group also recommended placing "see section II.D.4" at the end of this section.

The group discussed the small number of council members present. The group decided by consensus to review and revise the document with the understanding that the changes would be sent to the entire University Graduate Council for electronic approval by the following Tuesday (March 17).

The group recommended striking section II.E.1.c.

McDaniel called attention to II.E.2.a. The group recommended striking "receiving appointments requiring an application" and adding "In accordance with section II.D.4." to the beginning of the section.

The group recommended the language in II.G.3.a. be changed by striking "an advisor and", and replacing "two" with "three" with regard to the number of supervisory committee members.

The group recommended capitalizing "Graduate Faculty" in section II.G.2.a.

The group recommended deleting sections II.G.3.d and II.G.3.e.

The group agreed that Fulks should make the edits to the document. McDaniel would send the amended document to the entire council electronically along with an email detailing all the changes recommended by the group. The council would have until Tuesday, March 17 to email approval or disapproval to McDaniel.

If the document was approved by the council (by email vote), it would be forwarded to the UFS Steering Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.