

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**10/20/2009, 11:30-12:40PM**

Members Present: Susan Loonsk, Faith Hensrud, Rhoda Robinson, Orv Clark, Ella Cross, Cecilia Schrenker, Jennifer Christensen, Jim Geidner

Members Absent: Cathy Pulkinen

Guests: Chris Markwood, Provost; Joel Sipress, Chair of Higher Learning Commission-Academic Plan Committee

Call to Order: J. Christensen called the meeting to order at 11:30AM. Motion to amend agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda:

- Chris Markwood requested endorsement from Graduate Council in applying for admission to the Higher Learning Commission Academy to enter the March 2010 cohort. Benefits of membership include receiving input on assessment of student learning and demonstrating seriousness of the university regarding outcome accountability for the 2012-2013 HLC Accreditation Review process. O. Clark moved that Graduate Council endorse the Higher Learning Commission Academy application. S. Loonsk second. Motion approved unanimously.
- Joel Sipress requested consideration of the Graduate Council in endorsing the Liberal Education Learning Outcomes developed by the Higher Learning Commission-Academic Plan Committee. J. Sipress was not advocating for Graduate Council endorsement, rather requesting consideration if this is a philosophy of education that the Graduate Council agrees with. The Liberal Education Learning Outcomes can be made university wide if the learning outcomes are consistent among Graduate and Undergraduate levels. J. Christensen suggested that Graduate Council continue to put topic on agendas for further discussion and follow up with Joel Sipress.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 10/06/2009 (C. Schrenker moved, O. Clark second). Motion passed. K. Berry abstained.

Chair Announcements: No Chair Announcements

Old Business:

- C. Schrenker moved to adopt Course Content Review Policy. O. Clark second. Discussion revealed concerns regarding language of policy. J. Christensen suggested further discussion about policy rewrites within departments and communicating rewrite suggestions between departments via email. Graduate Council will later contact the Academic Affairs Council and Higher Learning Commission with a policy rewrite.
- J. Christensen suggested Graduate Council continue to consider catalog copy questions.
- J. Christensen passed out packet of new course proposals for the Early Childhood strand of Special Education that will be followed up by an email vote.
- K. Berry will forward Communicating Arts department catalogue to Graduate Council members.

- Graduate Council members were asked to bring proposed revisions in course names and numbers in a list format, and Graduate Council will approve by list.
- Terri Kronzer will be present at next Graduate Council meeting.

Next meeting: 11/03/2009

Motion to adjourn: J. Christensen moved. Meeting adjourned at 12:40PM.

Notes taken/transcribed for this Council meeting by Jodi Reider, student worker in Graduate Studies office.