MINUTES APPROVED AT 565th MEETING

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
564th Meeting
December 4, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Bond, Carrier, Changnon, Costello, Factor, Goldenberg, Gowen, Harris, Hurych, Karonis, Lockard, Lusk, Macdonald, Muñoz, Odoms-Young, Riley, Shaw, Shumow, Sims

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Aggarwal, Barbe, Bose, Gupta, Johnson, Slattery, Waas

OTHERS PRESENT: Arntz (Assistant Vice President for Research), Smith (Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator), Wright (Secretary)

Tom Sims, Assistant chair of the Graduate Council, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Karonis moved approval of the November 6, 2006 minutes. Sims noted that a clarification was needed in the “Information Item” section under the Standards Committee. The following sentence was added, “One of the primary benefits of this classification is the reduction of tuition for students who participate in externally funded projects, relieving undue burden on grant applications.” Gowen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee: Harris moved to approve the committee recommendations from the November 13, 2006 Curriculum Committee meeting, the motion carried unanimously. The following new courses, course deletions, course revisions, and other changes in catalog copy were approved:

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Department of Teaching and Learning
TLCI 528 (course addition)
TLSE 561, 562 (course revision)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Department of Electrical Engineering
ELE 656 (course deletion)
ELE 520, 525 (course addition)
ELE *421, *456 (course revision)
### Requirements for Graduates with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering - Requirements for Integrated B.S./M.S. Sequence

**Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering**
- ISYE 539, 574 (course addition)

**Department of Mechanical Engineering**
- MEE *426, *431 (course revisions)

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

**College Introductory Section**
- College Mission Statement - Policy on Dismissal

**School of Allied Health Professions**
- AHPH 563 (course addition)
- AHPT 415, 436, 437 (course revisions)
- Requirements

**School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences**
- FCNS 434 (course revision)
- Teacher Certification in Family and Consumer Sciences (revisions)

**School of Nursing**
- NURS 512, 513, 543, 544 (course revisions)
- Master of Science in Nursing Certificate of Graduate Study - Family Nurse Practitioner - Required Courses

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Department of Anthropology**
- ANTH *416, *425, *432, *466 (course additions)
- ANTH *432 (course revision)

**Department of Biology**
- BIOS *410, *441, *474 (course deletions)

**Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**
- CHEM 447 (course deletion)
- CHEM 462 (course addition)
- CHEM 460 (course revision)
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Colloquium Committee: Factor reported that the Colloquium Committee met and evaluated 46 proposals. 44 were approved and 2 were tabled.

Appeals Committee: Bond distributed the Annual Report of the Appeals Committee for 2005-2006. During the 2005-2006 academic year the committee met 5 times and heard a total of 29 cases, which was 10 fewer than in 2004-2005. Twenty-seven of the cases were petitions for academic reinstatement. Six of them were denied. Of the two remaining cases, one was related to transfer courses and the other to a Bursar’s bill, both were decided in favor of the appellant. Bond expressed his gratitude to all the committee members, including Tim Blickhan, who although he retired in the Spring semester, served as the committee chair at two summer meetings of the committee.

New Business

Three-year Degrees: Bond stated that there was a report published in India which stated that U.S. institutions were accepting three-year degrees. The report specifically mentioned MBA programs. This report has increased the number of calls received at the Graduate School from international students asking if we accept three-year degrees. At the March 6, 2006 Graduate Council meeting the Graduate Council approved a motion presented by the Standards Committee which provided acceptance of Bologna degrees, but required that all other three-year degrees be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Bond asked the committee for any solutions they might have for three-year degrees other than Bologna degrees. For example, should we say we do not accept them or is there any way to have a uniform system of evaluation? Factor mentioned that across Illinois institutions there is no consistency regarding three-year degrees. For instance, the University of Illinois does not accept them, but the University of Chicago does. Lusk asked Bond for further clarification of the issue. Bond replied that there is a consortium of European colleges that have joined together and established the Bologna degree. The degree does not require a year of general education courses. Shumow pointed out that many countries take general education courses as an extra year of high school, which makes the students 19 or 20 when they enter college. Sims stated that Biology requires that students from India have a graduate degree for admission. Factor recommended that Bond contact Deb Pierce, Executive Director of International Programs, for further information. He stated that each program sets their own guideline regarding admission for international students. Bond said that he would get further information regarding this issue from Deb Pierce.

Tape Record Graduate Council Meetings: Sims informed the committee that Bose would like to tape record the Graduate Council meetings, as an informal record of the discussion
and to ensure that the minutes are being recorded correctly. The council had no objections to recording the meetings.

*Application Turnaround:* Bond stated that the application turnaround time, the time from when the Graduate School receives the application, sends it to the department, and then receives it back, may be too lengthy. For the spring semester, departments are required to send decision sheets back to the Graduate School by January 22, which is a week into the Spring semester. NIU is at risk of losing good graduate students if they are not informed early enough of their acceptance to NIU. Bond suggested asking departments to submit a decision sheet one month after receipt of the application from the Graduate School. The council discussed the issue briefly with some consensus that this was an issue, but no clear resolution about how to resolve it. Bond will look into the issue further.

**Information Item**

Sims informed the council that when graduate assistants apply for financial aid their tuition waiver is considered as part of the financial aid. He was unaware that the tuition waiver is averaged as 12 hours and not 9, which may reduce or eliminate the student(s) ability to qualify for student loans.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.