Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Mary Bantell, JoAnn Canales, Chuck Etheridge, Jim Gibeaut, Eve Layman, Jim Lee, Patricia Olenick, Marvarene Oliver, Anita Reed, Robert Smith, Corinne Valadez, Virginia Wheeless

Council Members Absent: Luis Cifuentes, Hongyu Guo, Miguel Moreno, Thomas Naehr, Scott Sherman

Council Ex-Officio Present: Sherrye Garrett

Council Ex-Officio Absent: Sarah Sutton,

I. Approval of Minutes from 2/24/11

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Moved: Patricia Olenick

Second: Corinne Valadez

Unanimously approved as read

II. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee - Eve Layman assumed the responsibility of Chair while Marvarene Oliver gave the subcommittee's report. Recommendations included approval of 9 courses - COMM 5313, CNEP 6455, 5313, 6305, 6350, 5320, 5321, 6335, 6365; 1 approval pending additional information KINE 5313 and 1 reconsider with revisions EDCI 5345. Recommendations
were unanimously approved. Corrections will be made to the written report to reflect the recommendations.

B. COE Catalog Copy - Jim Lee recommended that the changes requested from the COE, as submitted in the executive summary, be approved with the following exceptions:

1. Under Counseling, MS section - Delete the 3rd statement under the fourth bullet that begins with CNEP 5315 - conflicts with the following statement
2. Last statement - same section - change CNEP 5316 Development School Counseling to read CNEP 5315 Responsive Service in Schools
3. Under Counseling, PH.D. section - change the word accreditation to reaccreditation
4. Pending approval of CNEP 6316 and 6320
5. Exclude the OCTD section including the courses until further clarification has been received.

III. ITDEC Committee - Mary Bantell, Grad Council liaison to the committee, shared the genesis of the office and the committee, as well as the mission and objectives. The committee is in the process of developing the vision statement with a focus on being fluid in the event of a disaster. She will email grad council members resources from the THECB, AARD, and SACS recently sent to ITDEC committee members. She also shared that a matrix of targeted programs and courses for online delivery had been developed in concert with the Deans and that a template for course development and a review process for courses was to be developed.

Much discussion ensued and Mary was asked to convey the following:

Please be sure that the course template and review process is aligned with the current process used for Grad Council approval as well as the expectations for HB 2504.

What happens to 'business as usual' if the server is up and running but students don't have access?

What training opportunities will be available?
What kind of tech support will be available for both hardware and software?
What kind of hardware will be available to faculty off-campus in the event there is a disaster?
Will there be incentives? Can there be rewards for entrepreneurship?

What about the issue of faculty rights to property?

Robert Smith asked Mary to convey appreciation for all the work in progress and JoAnn Canales expressed appreciation to Mary for her work on the committee.

IV. Matters Arising
JoAnn Canales raised the issue of faculty members submitting new course requests for courses that were not fully developed and asked for committee input. The consensus was that if all of the criteria were not met, the courses should not be considered and the college dean should be advised.

V. Adjournment - Robert Smith moved the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.