# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 23 2015, GBB 225, 12:10 – 1:00 PM

*Members Present:* B. Bach, L. Broberg, F. Brown, C. Dumke, L. Gray, T. Gupta, J. Johnson, A. Kinch, G. Lind, C. Palmer, K. Swift  
*Members Absent/Excused:* R. Arouca, X. Chu, L. Frey, J. Lane, C. Orion, C. Stanick  
*Ex Officio Members Present:* S. Ross, S. Whittenburg

## Call to Order

* The minutes from 11/18/15 were approved.

## Communications

* Professors Craig Molgaard and Tony Ward from Public and Community Health were welcomed to the Council. The subcommittee had several questions regarding the proposed PhD program. The proposers had a meeting with the Provost to discuss the funding model. They believe that the program could be self-sustaining if allowed to keep the out-of-state tuition in addition to the super tuition ($150/per credit hour) of a five student cohort per year with two in-state and 3 out –of- state students. Public Health currently has 5 tenure track faculty with the recent internal transfer. They will be able to teach the core courses. Many of the elective courses would be taught by affiliate faculty both on and off campus (some through the Akros NGO in Zambia). These affiliate faculty members would also serve as research mentors for the students. The plan would be to apply for accreditation next November when the Master’s program is due for its review. Student admissions will be based on the quality of applicants, but there will be international recruitment efforts. Potential students may be working in agencies that will pay for their education. Others will take out loans and some may be able to work in the departmental labs.
* The Science Subcommittee still as concerns regarding the curriculum in the CSD proposal. Chair Kinch will send a communication to the proposers requesting examples of similar curriculum in other accredited PhD programs, so the Council can see that these type of courses are the norm in the discipline. Other disciplines do not have courses for conference presentation and grant writing, but students are expected to do them as part of the dissertation. He will also request that the courses in School Psychology be reference in the proposal as options.
* The Council will need time to discuss the PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at the next meeting. It was not controversial and the Subcommittee approved it after receiving responses to follow-up questions. Members should read these along with the proposed core courses prior to the next meeting.
* There are still issues with the proposed Business Analytics MS. Although the President has agreed to fund half of the resources identified in the proposal, it is not clear where the other half will come from. The revised proposal eliminated the business foundation courses. There are also concerns about the rigor of the program. Chair Kinch will send a communication to the requestors asking for clarification regarding how the program compares to others in terms of science courses. Guests will be invited for the last 15 minutes of the meeting on December 2nd.
* Volunteers are needed to serve on the Research and Scholarship Committee. This is the committee that will disperse research funds to undergraduate and graduate students.
* After the meeting there was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of statement from Graduate Council regarding the planned cut to Graduate Assistantships. Chair Kinch will take comments from members and draft a statement. There is a special meeting of the Faculty Senate tomorrow at 4:10 p.m.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.