

## MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2015

105 Houchens

**Convene** – The meeting convened at 3:05 PM – Dr. Beth Boehm, dean of SIGS, presided.

**Ex-Officio absent:** Paul DeMarco, Associate Dean SIGS

**Members Present:** Allen Ashman, Sherri Brown, Cynthia Corbitt, Doug Darling, Jim Fiet, James Grubola, Mary Hums, Kyung Kang, Bridgette Pregliasco, Bibhuti Sar, Janet Woodruff-Borden and Pam Yankeelov.

**Members Absent:** Susan Olson Allen, Ray Austin, Haribabu Bodduluri, Becky Christian, Barbara Clark, Teresa Hayden, Charles Hubscher, Luke Milligan, Seow-Chin Ong, Eric Rouchka, Jasie Stokes, and Krista Wallace-Boaz.

**Guests:** Margaret Carreiro, Professor Biology

1. **Convene** – Dr. Beth Boehm opened the meeting at 3:04 PM. in Room 105 Houchens. Dr. Boehm mentioned the death of our friend and co-worker Jenny Madden, on April 26 as a result of health-related issues.
2. **Approval of minutes of February 24, 2015**  
Dr. Boehm asked for approval of the council meeting on February 25, 2015. MOTION to approve by James Fiet; seconded by Doug Darling. APPROVED.
3. **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - **Approval of SIGs Degree Candidate – Dr. Beth Boehm**  
Dr. Boehm asked for approval of Angela Carson (?). MOTION to approve by Bridgette Pregliasco (?); seconded by Pam Yankeelov. APPROVED.
  - **Review of MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Studies: Concentration in Sustainability – Dr. Boehm turned over to Dr. Darling (on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee)**  
Dr. Darling reviewed the proposal which came with a MOTION and second from the committee. Dr. Margaret Carreiro from the Biology Department answered questions as a faculty sponsor of the program. There was some discussion and concern about the how students would be involved or effected, and the marketability of the program. APPROVED with one abstention (Dr. Kyung Kang).
4. Discussion Items:  
**Honorary Degree candidate – tabled until Fall.**
5. **Report from Graduate Student Council (GSC) - none**
6. **Old Business** – none
7. **New Business** – Graduate Hooding Ceremony, Friday May 8 at the Kentucky International Convention Center, 4<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>). More information will be sent later.

8. **Adjournment** – 3:35 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted 4/29/15 (draft)*

*Jan Link, Recording Secretary*

*Approved Graduate Council Meeting 8/25/15*