The Council of Graduate Studies met at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014 in the President's Conference Room. Dr. Brenda Koerner called the meeting to order.

**Information**

- Minutes from the November 21, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.
- A handout outlining the Three Minute Thesis Competition that will be held on Research and Creativity Day, May 1 was distributed to council members.
- Council members were reminded that graduate students are dropped on the 5th day.

**Reports/Discussion**

- The council discussed accelerated degree programs and the possibility of offering these at ESU. Undergraduate and graduate programs would be allowed to share 9 credit hours. Council members were asked to take this information back to their departments and this would be an agenda item at the April meeting.
- The council discussed the possibility of an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program at ESU. Council members were asked to take this information back to their departments and this would be an agenda item at the April meeting.
- Issues of faculty refusing to serve on thesis/dissertation committees or having chairs appoint faculty to serve on committees was discussed. After council discussion, it was decided this is not an issue at this time.

**Action**

- Changes to the Council Bylaws regarding program review (Section 2) were unanimously approved.
- Proposed changes to current graduate policy regarding degree candidacy and graduate examinations were unanimously approved.

**Graduate Faculty**

The following listed faculty were unanimously approved as Regular Graduate Faculty.
- James Aber, Professor, Physical Sciences
- Jorge Ballester, Professor, Physical Sciences
- Marcia Schulmeister, Associate Professor, Physical Sciences
- Kenneth Thompson, Professor, Physical Sciences
- Eric Trump, Associate Professor, Physical Sciences

The following listed faculty were unanimously approved as Associate Graduate Faculty.
- Robert Jones, Professor, Physical Sciences
- Michael Morales, Associate Professor, Physical Sciences

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- The Master of Arts in Teaching curricular change was unanimously approved.
- The PE 804 curricular change was unanimously approved.
- The curricular changes for ED 840, ED 841, and the Alternate Route Program were tabled until corrections were made.
- Since the deadline for curricular changes will fall prior to the next council meeting, any future curricular changes will be distributed by email for a vote.

Comments

- Michael Morales requested that Physical Sciences faculty have access to OnBase and InfoPath.
- Dusti Howell announced IDT would be hosting a Technology Integrated Learning Conference in Visser Hall on Saturday, February 22.
- James Costello announced Counselor Education would be hosting an Art Therapy Day the first weekend in March.
- Michael Morales announced Physical Sciences would be hosting a Science and Engineering Day on Saturday.
- Dean Ermler announced that graduate enrollment is up!

Adjourned at 4:10
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