

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
SENATE GRADUATE COMMITTEE**

The Senate Graduate Committee met on Thursday, September 21, 2006, in 108 Mitchell Hall.

Present: Lonna Atkeson, Ann Cunliffe, ***Mariana Ibáñez, Claudia Isaac, Jim Jacob (chair), Sue Queen, Yu-Lin Shen, Sam Truett, Mary Walker and Amy Wohlert

Excused: Ron Andrews, Marianne Berwick, Anne Calhoon, Glenn Kostur, Zane Reeves, Wolfgang, Rudolph, *Kathleen Sena and Geoff Shuster

Absent: Joseph Garcia, Ann Massmann, and *David Sanchez

Introductions:

New members were present and everyone was asked to introduce him or herself and identify his/her college affiliation. Jim Jacob, SGC chair noted that there would be introductions at the October meetings as well.

Minutes:

Claudia Isaac moved approval of the September 21, 2006 Committee minutes; Yu-Lin Shen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Curriculum Subcommittee Report:

Dr. Isaac reported to the Committee, noting that the subcommittee has scheduled a regular meeting time to review curriculum forms, and had decided that the curriculum matrix brought to the SGC would only list curriculum forms that had satisfied the subcommittee's scrutiny. She explained the 2 Forms C from Latin American Studies were separated from the other forms submitted last spring, revising each concentration in the LAS degree programs; the forms were approved. The next item was a Form D creating a new graduate certificate in Instruction for Students with Intensive Social, Language and Behavior needs submitted by the Special Education program; the proposal was approved. The College of Education submitted proposals for 6 new courses related to race, ethnicity and gender issues in education; the forms were approved. A Form C from the Civil Engineering program requesting that a core course (CE 538) be removed as a core course because it is no longer offer was also approved.

Reports:

GPSA:

No representative of the GPSA was present.

OGS:

Dean Amy Wohlert provided the Committee a brief history of the Center for Advancement of Scholarship, Teaching and Learning (CASTL). She noted that Susan

Deese-Roberts had headed the Center until her retirement. A staff member assumed the role of director, but recently left the position. A review of CASTL functions last year identified the need for greater faculty presence and an expanded scope of faculty development at UNM. Therefore, the Provost has created the position of Special Assistant to the Provost and appointed Gary Smith to take the lead for faculty development initiatives. He has considerable experience and interest in helping faculty to improve instruction and for better student learning outcomes. The CASTL name will most likely be replaced with one that reflects the primary role of faculty development. A staff person will be hired to provide assistance to Dr. Smith.

Dean Wohlert also noted that she had attended a meeting of NM Board of Finance earlier in the week. One agenda item was the presentation by the Higher Education Department director, Dr. Beverlee McClure, outlining the department's strategic goals and priorities. The report was to include plans and processes for approving new graduate degree programs at the state level.

Unfortunately, the Board chose to table the report until the October meeting as they did not receive it in advance and had not had the opportunity to read. Dean Wohlert will attend the October meeting.

SGC:

Chair Jacob noted that he was ending the meeting, with permission of the Committee, so that those members who choose to could attend the Technology in the Classroom seminar that morning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27.