

New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans
Minutes of the June 27, 2008 Meeting
Held at the Educational Service Building Room #7
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

Present: David B. Johnson, NMT; Linda La Grange, NMHU; Linda Weems, ENMU; Charles Fleddermann, UNM; Linda Lacey, NMSU; Andres Salazar, NNMC

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Council reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2008 meeting. Dave Johnson moved approval and Chuck Fleddermann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Agenda: The council approved the agenda with minor revisions to the order. Andres Salazar, representing Northern New Mexico College, introduced himself and listed a number of master's degree programs that NNMC planned to bring before the Council.

New Business:

Dual and Joint International Degree Programs – Linda Lacey distributed a document entitled “Proposal Guidelines for Dual and Joint Degree Programs”. There was some discussion of the existing dual degree programs, some of which are international. Because there are many unresolved issues, the guidelines should provide a template for finding consistent solutions that can be applied to all New Mexico Universities.

Presentation and Consideration of the Proposed Master's Degree in Financial Mathematics – NMSU representatives from Math and Business provided the Council with a comprehensive summary of their proposed program. All of the courses offered in the program are already being taught. A needs assessment survey was distributed to the Council members that reflected a positive response to the proposed program. The following suggestions were made by the Council members:

- Document the source of the survey information and how the surveys were conducted.
- Describe how the projected enrollment numbers were derived.
- Highlight the crossover abilities of the NMSU Math and Business faculty members.
- Consider developing distance delivery.

After the presentation and a subsequent discussion among the Council members, Dave Johnson moved for approval of the proposed program; Chuck Fleddermann seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval of the program.

Discussion of the Proposed Master's Degree in Bioinformatics – NMSU representatives from the Computer Science Department provided a brief overview of the proposed program. During the presentation, Dr. He mentioned that there were no other Bioinformatics programs in New Mexico. Chuck Fleddermann pointed out that UNM has a very similar program and suggested that NMSU representatives communicate with UNM regarding any possible duplication of effort. There is also a similar program offered at UTEP.

Because the faculty members from the various NM universities had not had sufficient time to review the proposed program, this presentation was just for discussion purposes.

Bologna Process – Linda Lacey presented her impressions of the paper on the Bologna Process that Bill Flores had forwarded to the Council.

This was an information item and no action was taken.

Old Business:

Graduate Scholarship Stipend Review – The request to increase the stipend will have to be taken to the legislature. We will implement the request through Bill Flores.

Distribution of Tuition and Formula Funding for DE Registration – Dave Johnson briefly described what he plans to submit at a later date in writing. We will review the proposed distribution at our next meeting.

Adjournment: Dave Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Fleddermann seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.