

New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans
Minutes of the November 3, 2008 Meeting
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 27, 2008 meeting. Linda Lacey corrected the name of the NMSU presenter, Dave Johnson moved approval of the minutes as amended and Chuck Fleddermann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Agenda: The council approved the agenda.

New Business:

Election of Officers – Dave Johnson nominated Linda Weems for the position of Vice Chair. Linda was elected by acclamation. Dave Johnson also nominated Chuck Fleddermann to Chair the NMCGD for the upcoming 2008-2009 year. Chuck was elected by acclamation.

Presentation and Consideration of the Proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy – Dr. Sue Queen presented the Council members with a brief overview of the program and the rationale for its establishment. The Council members asked a series of informational questions, after which Dave Johnson moved for approval of the proposed program. The motion was seconded by Chuck Fleddermann and was passed by a unanimous vote.

Presentation and Consideration of the Proposed Master's Degree in Bioinformatics – Dr. Song described how the concerns expressed by the Council members at the 06/27/08 meeting had been addressed. There were questions regarding a possible collaboration with UNM; however, UNM did not need to engage in a collaborative effort. UNM would be agreeable to offering classes via DE. Dr. Song was asked how the numbers of students expected to enroll in the program were calculated. He replied that they were based on the number of students with BI advisors. After several other questions and answers Dave Johnson moved approval of the program, which Linda Lacey seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

HED Name Change – It was agreed that the title CHE, which appears in the NMCGD guidelines be updated to HED to reflect the current state agency.

Senator Bingaman's Initiative – Linda Lacey brought to our attention the upcoming RFP from the Department of Education. One of the key components to consider, if an institution is applying for funding through this mechanism, is that of collaboration with the other state institutions of higher learning.

Additional Discussion

Proposal Submission Timelines – Linda Lacey suggested that the wording indicating that proposals for all new programs must be submitted by November the 1st be changed to indicate that proposal should be submitted by that date. It was agreed that, for the short term, we would inform our respective faculty members that the proposals can be submitted any time, but that the assurance of a review and approval for a fall start-up cannot be provided to late submissions.

Adjournment: Dave Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Fleddermann seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.