

NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GRADUATE DEANS
Minutes of the October 28, 2009 Meeting
Library 212, New Mexico Tech Campus
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Socorro, New Mexico

1.0 Roll Call

Present: Dr. Linda Lacey, NMSU; Ms Marcia Harris-Bourdette, WNMU; Dr. Linda Weems, ENMU; Dr. Amy Wohlert, UNM; Dr. David Johnson, NMT; Dr. Linda LaGrange, NMHU; Dr. Andres Salazar, NNMC; Mr. Don Schleisman, NMHED. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Linda Weems at 12:38 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Dr. David Johnson moved to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Dr. Linda LaGrange. Motion carried.

Additional items to the agenda included:

- ___ Election of new officers
- ___ Reporting Mechanisms to HED
- ___ Task Force to Review the Constitution

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Dr. David Johnson moved to approve the minutes for the meeting held October 21, 2009, seconded by Dr. Linda LaGrange. Motion carried.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Discussion and consideration of the Master of Science in Athletic Training submitted by NMHU:

Kathy Jenkins and Andrellita Chavez presented a proposal on a Master of Science in Athletic Training from NMHU. A handout was passed out among the Council Members Both described the Certified Athletic Trainer as one who works with physicians and other medical personnel, employers, patients, parents, guardians, and athletic personnel in the development and coordination of efficient and responsive health care delivery systems and state that Athletic trainers are integral members of the health care team in secondary schools, colleges and universities, professional sports programs, sports medicine clinics, corporate/industrial,

and other health care settings. Kathy and Andrellita focused in on the content areas that Athletic Trainers must be properly educated in. Approximately 13 areas were listed as part of the content areas. Both stated that there is an increasing need for certified Athletic Trainers. Jenkins stated that this is a stand alone major and must be accredited once the program has been approved. This program is done in two parts, both as an undergraduate and a graduate. Pre-courses are already in place. This is considered an entry level masters program. Both stated that NM State and UNM support this program. Graduates from this program will be considered Health Care Professionals and there is an increasing need for Health Care Professionals. Athletic Trainers will be placed in physician offices and high schools. NMHU already has a new facility and only a few classes will need to be added to the program. Everything else is already in place.

After the presentation, Kathy and Andrellita answered questions raised by the council members. Some of the questions asked were: How many credit hours will it take to complete this degree? They stated that it would take 49 credit hours. It is a professional degree and these courses must be taken in order to sit for the exam. Another question asked was about the faculty and their qualifications? The council stated that they should include resumes for their faculty in this proposal. A question was asked about Revenue Projections, State Funding, Tuition, Grants, etc. and what the cost would be to hire an additional Athletic Trainer? A council member asked why this is considered a Master of Science in Athletic Training rather than a Master of Science in Sciences? The two answered these questions to the best of their ability and their proposal went well.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Master of Science in Athletic Training Degree, seconded by Ms Harris-Bourdette. The motion was approved with 6 voting in favor and none voting against.

4.2 Discussion and consideration of the Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering submitted by UNM:

John Stormont presented the proposal for the Masters of Engineering in Civil Engineering. Stormont stated that right now there is a Masters with a Thesis option and a Masters with a Project Option. The project Option is a coursework only option, but hasn't worked to serve their needs as well as they would like. He stated that the Masters of Engineering in Civil Engineering would bring in a more Streamlined Program that would be practice and design oriented which would include a different mix of classes. He stated that no new courses would be needed. Stormont stated that the Master's with the Thesis option provides a final exit exam where the Master's of Engineering Program would require an intermediate exam

and then the final exam. He stated that there is a need for this program with plenty of students interested and all they would have to do is just move over from the non-thesis option into the new program.

After the presentation, Mr. Stormant answered questions raised by council members.

One Council member asked what the PhD options would be. Another Council Member asked if this program would serve more the domestic or the International Students? Mr. Stormant answered stating that students could continue on with no problem and that the program would tend to serve more domestic than international students.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering, seconded by Linda LaGrange. The motion was approved with 6 voting in favor and none voting against.

4.3 Discussion and consideration of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice submitted by NMSU:

Pam Schultz presented the proposal on the Doctorate of Nursing Practice for NMSU. Pam stated that they wanted to stop the MSN Program and begin with the DNP Program. She stated the high need for nurses and especially Advanced Practice nurses. She commented that no additional resources would be needed in the beginning and that the only thing that would change would be the curriculum. She stated that they would also be offering on-line programs and stated that students from all over New Mexico and Texas have shown an interest. She stated that no other program emphasizes mental health and that they would be the only school who could offer this. Pam commented that she predicts that there will be more applicants apply to this program than the program can support. Pam stated that NMSU has a Memorandum of Agreement with UNM and work closely with them as well. Pam was given credit for a well structured and documented proposal.

After the presentation, Pam answered questions raised by the council members.

A question was raised on Evidence Based Practice as well as the Screening process for admission into the program and any other additional coursework needed for the program? All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the council.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Doctorate of Nursing Practice, seconded by Dr. Amy Wohlert. The motion was approved with 6 voting in favor and none voting against.

4.4 Discussion and consideration of the Master of Arts in Latin American and Border Studies submitted by NMSU:

A handout was passed out to the council presented by Dr. Neil Harvey on the proposed Master of Arts in Latin American and Border Studies. Neal expressed the real need of employees in New Mexico and the need for students to find careers exposing them to diversity and training the students for careers related to Latin America and the U.S. – Mexico Border in economic development, environmental protection, inter-governmental relations, and health and education. Dr. Harvey stated that the students would be able to use NMSU's advantageous location that is 50 miles from the US-Mexico border so that students have a hands on experience and professional training that will enable them to promote sustainable economic and community development. Dr. Harvey stated that there was a large student interest in this program. Dr. Harvey stated that NMSU would construct a program of study that differs from that of UNM. Dr. Harvey gave a brief report on what the projected cost of the program would be.

After the presentation, Dr. Harvey answered questions raised by the council members.

Some of the questions asked were: The need of employees in New Mexico? Are the resources already committed? Neal answered the questions asked and seemed to satisfy the committee with his answers.

Dr. Johnson moved to approve the Master of Arts in Latin American and Border Studies, seconded by Dr. Amy Wohlert. The motion was approved with 6 voting in favor and none voting against.

4.5 Election of New Officers:

The floor was opened to elect new officers. The office of Chair was the first office to fill. Dr. LaGrange nominated Dr. Weems as the new Chair for the council of Deans. Johnson moved to close nominations and Dr. LaGrange seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed. Dr. Weems was elected chair by acclamation.

The floor was open to elect a new Vice-Chair for the Council of Deans. Dr. LaGrange nominated Ms Harris-Bourdette to fill that position. Johnson moved to close nominations and Dr. LaGrange seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed. Ms Harris Bourdette was elected vice chair by acclamation

New officers are: Dr. Linda Weems – Chair
Ms Marcia Harris-Bourdette, Vice Chair

4.6 Reporting Mechanisms To HED:

Mr. Donald Schleisman, NMHED – ex officio member explained that the Council of Deans is a key part of the HED process in order to get proposals through to the State Board of Finance. Schleisman explained what he thought the role of the council is in this process. He stated that the council should put a report together for the support of the proposed programs to go before the Board of Finance that would include: minutes from the council meeting, support letters supporting the program, academic aspects of the program, adequate applications, whether the program is financially in the best interest of the State. Numerous more items were mentioned. Extensive discussion between the council and Mr. Schleisman went on for several minutes discussing what the role of the NM Academic Council was in relation to HED and other topics. Mr. Schleisman stated that the committee that he puts together should help the process and that he would do all he can to make the presentations of these proposal to HED run smoothly and in a timely manner.

4.7 Task force to Review the Constitution:

Dr. Lacey from NMSU put together some handouts and distributed them among the council members. One was titled “Formalized Process for Consideration of New Graduate Degree Proposals by the New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans”, the other “Process of Approval of New Graduate Programs: Roles and Responsibilities of the New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans.” Dr. Lacey asked for volunteers who would be willing to Review the Constitution and make recommendations for changes or additions. The following Council Members volunteered to be on this committee:

Dr. LaGrange
Dr. Johnson
Dr. Wohlert

5.0 Old Business

No Old Business

6.0 Adjournment

Dr. LaGrange moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Johnson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.