NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GRADUATE DEANS  
Draft Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2010  
210 Brown Hall, NMT Campus  
New Mexico Tech  
Socorro, New Mexico

1.0 Roll Call  
Present: Dr. Linda Weems, ENMU; Dr. Linda Lacey, Dr. Chris Brown, Dr. Carl Wood, Dr. Frank Ward, NMSU; Dr. Linda LaGrange, Dr. David West, Dr. Margaret Young NMHU; Dr. Andres Salazar, NNMC; Dr. Marcia Bourdette, WNMU; Dr. Amy Wohlert, UNM; Dr. David Westpfahl, Dr. Peter Gerity, Dr. Gary Axten, NMT; Mr. Don Schleisman, HED. Call to order at 12:48 PM

2.0 Agenda  
The agenda was approved (Wohlert/ LaGrange)

3.0 New Business  
3.1 Water Science degrees at NMSU  
A motion was made and seconded to discuss new degrees in Water Science at NMSU (Bourdette, Lacey)  
There followed a presentation on the proposed M.S. and Ph.D. programs involving 85 faculty and staff from 7 Colleges and 14 Departments. Concerns were expressed that the timing of the proposal was inopportune owing to the economic situation, that there was apparent competition with UNM and NMT programs, and that the Council’s purpose was to do a review of academic quality. The Council agreed to provide input on who to improve the proposal, what to include in the proposal, and how to make the degree programs sustainable. A motion was made and passed to take no action (Bourdette, Lacey), and a revised version was promised with a more thorough survey of the community that this
program would serve, a list of institutional priorities, and a letter of support from the university president.

There followed a spirited discussion of the relationship between NMSU and NMT.

Mr. Schleisman commended the Council for its hard work and strong support of graduate education.

3.2 Software-Driven Systems degree at NMHU

A motion was made to consider a proposed M.S. program in Software-Driven Systems at NMHU (Wohlert, LaGrange). This is meant to serve an industry that is changing quickly. All topical courses will be available online. It is part of the NMHU Strategic Plan. A ballot was taken and the motion passed.

3.3 Election of Officers

Marcia Bourdette was elected Chair and David Westpfahl Vice Chair.

3.4 HED Update

There was a free-form discussion of the process for approving new graduate degrees. No motions were made and no ballots taken. There were multiple expressions that the situation would remain uncertain until the new administration was in place.

Adjourned 4:10 PM