NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GRADUATE DEANS

Draft Minutes of the meeting held July 18, 2011
Student Union Building
University of New Mexico

1.0 Roll Call
NMCGD members, representatives, and ex officio participants: Dr. Marcia Bourdette, WNMU (Chair); Dr. Linda Weems, ENMU; Dr. Linda Lacey, NMSU; Dr. Linda LaGrange, NMHU; Dr. Amy Wohlert, Dr. Gary Harrison, UNM; Dr. David Westpfahl, NMT; Dr. Catherine Berryhill, NNMC; Mr. Glenn Walters, Mr. Ricky Serna, HED.

Program representatives: Dr. Chris Brown, Dr. Alexander Fernald, Dr. Frank Ward, NMSU; Dr. Jean Giddens, Dr. Mary Kay Anderson, Dr. Steven Graves, Dr. Scott S. Sibbett, UNM.

Call to order at 12:29 PM

2.0 Agenda
The agenda was approved (Wohlert/ Harrison)

3.0 Minutes
May 20, 2011 was an informal meeting; no action items to approve
Minutes from December 13, 2010 were approved (Wohlert/Lacey)

4.0 New Business
  4.1 Water Science degrees at NMSU
A motion was made and seconded to discuss new degrees in Water Science at NMSU (Weems/Lacey)

Revisions to the proposed M.S. and Ph.D. programs were summarized. Clarity was provided that there would be no new courses; new faculty lines will be funded by NMSU; there will be a single set of core courses for the M.S. and Ph.D. The proposal as presented will be revised to remove reference to seeking funding from state resources.

The Council agreed that the proposal was much stronger and voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

  4.2 Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree at UNM
A motion was made and seconded to discuss the new Doctorate of Nursing Practice at UNM (Wohlert/Lacey)

There followed a presentation on the nature and importance of the DNP. The degree is a professional and terminal degree. A graduate tuition differential (per credit hour) was approved by the university’s Board of Regents in order to fund
additional resources needed for program courses. The UNM DNP offers concentrations that do not duplicate the NMSU DNP concentrations.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

4.3 Biomedical Engineering degree at UNM
A motion was made and seconded to discuss the new M.S. in Biomedical Engineering at UNM (Wohlert/Lacey)

There followed a presentation on the proposed M.S. program and the need for such a degree in the state.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

4.4 HED Update
Deputy Secretary Glenn Walters introduced Ricky Serna as the new P-20 Policy Analyst.

A discussion on state funding was held. There is an expectation that there will be flat budgets for administration. Input for the new higher education funding formula is now being gathered; HED Secretary Garcia has committed to determining a new formula and presenting it to the legislature by October 15, 2011. NMCGD members were encouraged to consult with their campus representatives on the relevant committees and task groups in order to provide input. The new formula will include a base amount plus performance and outcomes-based components. It is expected that the formula will be greatly simplified compared to the existing formula.

Adjourned 3:00 PM

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