NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GRADUATE DEANS

Draft Minutes of the meeting held August 10, 2012
Social Sciences Building, Rm. 3030
University of New Mexico

Roll Call
NMCGD members, representatives, and ex officio participants: Dr. Marcia Bourdette, WNMU; Dr. Gary Harrison, UNM; Dr. Linda Lacey, NMSU (Chair); Dr. Lorie Liebrock, NMT; Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Pitzel, HED; Dr. Linda Weems, ENMU (via Skype).

Program representatives: Dr. Uday Desai, UNM; Mr. Gene Henley, UNM

In Absentia vote: Dr. Linda LaGrange, NMHU

Call to order at 1:00 PM

1.0 Minutes
Minutes from May 29, 2012 were approved (Harrison/Bourdette)

2.0 Agenda
The agenda was approved (Harrison/Liebrock)

3.0 Master of Health Administration at UNM
Program director, Dr. Uday Desai, presented the Council with the proposal to create a Master’s of Health Administration at UNM. The presentation spanned the importance and need of an MHA degree and the value it will have for the state of New Mexico, as well as efforts to coordinate with health providers and other institutions of higher education in New Mexico.

After questions to clarify the method by which quantitative methods would be introduced in the curriculum and the nature of institutional funding, the Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

4.0 HED Update
Dr. Pitzel updated the Council that the Chief Academic Officers will hold a meeting on August 24, 2012 at the HED Albuquerque office on 5201 Eagle Rock; immediately following the Academic Council on Higher Education will convene to review the pending proposals for new graduate degrees (MA/MS Museum Studies – UNM and Master’s of Health Administration – UNM). Following that meeting a meeting will be held to discuss the Funding Formula.

Dr. Pitzel reviewed some initiatives at HED. Dr. Wayne Brown, Senior Policy Analyst for the state of New Mexico, is leading efforts by to have complete articulation of nursing program curricula across the state by Fall 2013.

Dr. Brigette Russell, Director of Operations, is reviewing remediation and developmental educational programs in the state. She will convene a conference on these issues in October.
Dr. Pitzel discussed the potential impacts on higher education of the K-12 common core state standards; 3-12 assessments in every grade (PARCC and Smarter Balance are developing a series of assessments to determine if a graduating senior is ready for college). He also noted that the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (Gear Up) has been extended for seven years; currently 12 school districts (25 schools) are involved. Approximately 45 states track students into the first year of college.

In addition, Dr. Pitzel noted that the five-year master plans for new graduate programs will be a topic of discussion at the CAO meeting on August 24 and that new graduate degrees will be evaluated in part upon how they tie in with New Mexico’s workforce objectives.

5.0 Graduate Education Day in Santa Fe (idea emerged from CGS Summer Institute)
Chair Lacey presented the Council with the idea of holding Graduate Education Day in Santa Fe to promote graduate education. This excellent idea will not only promote graduate education but also the long term workforce employability, contributions to research, state’s economy and healthcare.

6.0 Forthcoming degree proposals within the coming months
NMSU – Kinesiology

7.0 Dean Liebrock initiated a brief discussion on graduate enrollments and acceptances. Chair Lacey noted that the national picture anticipates drops in graduate enrollments, both domestic and international. At CGS we learned that there has been a decline in the number of students taking the GRE.

Adjourned 3:30 PM

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