The Graduate Council met at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Burnett Hall. The following members were present: Michael Price (chair), Ed Wheeler, Patricia Coberly, Pat Thomas, David Lake, Anita Nivens, Adam Bossler, Ed Strauser, Elizabeth Crawford, Christopher Hendricks, Bob LeFavi, Leah Fiorentino, Shannon Cosgrove. Grace Fleming was a guest.

I. Minutes were approved from the November 13, 2007 meeting.

II. Standing Committee Reports:

   Graduate Faculty Status and Activities Committee:
   No report

   Curriculum Committee –

The following item was approved:

   I. College of Arts and Sciences

G. History Department:

   HIST 6500  Content Methods History  3-2-3
   Graduate Prerequisites: EDUC 6300, EDUC 6100, Admission to Candidacy in the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education.

   Description: Methods, content, and materials focusing on the teaching of history for adolescent learners. Directed field experience required.

   Rationale: Students formerly took an MGSE course to fulfill this requirement. Changes in the College of Education have shifted instructional responsibility to the individual disciplines. This course will facilitate the pedagogical delivery of historical content in the secondary schools, leading to initial teacher certification. All students will be required to develop a detailed unit plan and present a lesson to the class. Students will also be required to develop additional instructional materials related to the teaching of geography, economics, or government at the secondary school level.

   Effective: Fall 2008
   CURCAT:
      Major Department: History
      Can Course be repeated for additional credit? No
      Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3
      Grading Mode: Normal
      Instruction Type: Lecture
III. Report from the Assistant VP

   a) Graduate Faculty Bylaws were distributed for review. Members discussed the creation of subcommittees for the purpose of modifying bylaws in preparation for the establishment of a faculty senate.

   b) The graduate catalog will be updated this spring and copies of catalog text will be distributed soon for department review. All new text/changes should be submitted to the Coordinator of Graduate Faculty Services by June 1, 2008.

IV. Report from the Director of Graduate Enrollment Services

   a) Grace Fleming reported for Enrollment Services that graduate enrollment appears to be up significantly compared to numbers for the same time last year.

V. Report from the President of the Graduate Student Coordination Council

   a) The committee has received a large number of funding requests and wishes to thank the graduate faculty members who have helped with this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Fleming
Coordinator of Graduate Faculty Services