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**Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate, ISU**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2011 Minutes**

**University Hall, room 114**

**2-3 PM**

Members present: Stan Buchanan (C), Liz O’Laughlin (VC), Carole Yaw, Will Barratt, Elaina Tuttle

Student members: Valerie Holmes

Faculty Senate liaison: Jolynn Kuhlman

Administrative representatives and others: Jeff Decker (COB), Marcia Miller (CNHHS), Jay Gatrell (CGPS), Brian Coldren (Registration & Records)

* Approval of minutes for 9/19/2011: approved 5:0:0
* Administrative Report
	+ Chairperson report:
* Change in plus/minus grades: S. Buchanan asked Dean Gatrell if plus/minus grades have had any impact on graduate student average GPA.
	+ - Dean Gatrell responded that there has been a slight decline in graduate average GPA. Dean Gatrell would like to see ISU keep plus/minus grades and change the scale. He encourages faculty to attend the upcoming discussion/forum.
	+ No report from Faculty Senate Liaison
	+ Graduate Dean Report
		- Academic renewal and Assessment of Prior learning both passed in Senate
		- Unexpected departure of a staff member in the CGPS office
	+ Graduate Student Representative
		- Nov. 16: 3 to 4:30: Town Hall Meet
		- Seeking suggestions for a guest speaker, no date decided yet
		- Fund raising to pay a guest speaker (goal is $5,000)
		- Developing infrastructure for giving funds for professional development ( Bentil Award)
* Old Business: Assessment of Prior Learning
	+ Motion to change the language of the proposal: 30% total including both transfer hours and hours granted for prior learning. (vote: 5:0:0)
* New Business
	+ Educational leadership change of GPA requirement for admission (Will Baratt)
		- Rational for change presented by W. Barratt
		- Vote: 5:0:0
	+ Changes in the physician’s assistantship program (Heather Mata)
		- Explanation by H. Mata: no change in overall content, rather grouped similar topics together in several 2-credit seminars.
			* Vote: 5:0:0
	+ The elimination of the PhD in curriculum and instruction at BCOE (Susan Kiger)
		- Rogue code for CIMT Doctoral program—4 students left in this program; have a teach-out plan. Vote 5:0:0
	+ The change in the curriculum, instruction and media tech program at BCOE, adding English education (Susan Kiger)
		- Modification to concentration as seen in proposal
			* Vote: 5:0:0
* Adjournment and Upcoming meetings
	+ Special meeting with President and Provost on 11/7/11
	+ Next regularly scheduled meeting 11/14/11