The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dean Judith Walker de Felix. Members in attendance: Donald Gouwens, Stephanie DiPietro (for Beth Huebner), Wendy Olivas, Susan Kashubeck-West, Haitao Li, Michael Griffin, David Kimball, Wilma Calvert, Donald Sweeney, Matthew Taylor, Maris Gillette, Adrian Clingher, Wes Harris, Associate Dean. Members absent: Alan Heisel, Carl Bassi, Ben Torbert. 

I. Introductions

The dean introduced Jill Walker, corporate recruiter for graduate programs.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the March 21, 2014 meeting were approved.

III. Appointment of Secretary/Vice-Chairperson

Susan Kashubeck-West was chosen unanimously to this position.

IV. Course and Program Proposals

Council reviewed and approved the following proposals:
- Ed Psy 6222 Advanced Studies in Child and Adolescent Development
- Geron 5200 Gerontological Practice with Aging
- Soc Wk 5800 Graduate Field Practicum I
- Soc Wk 6800 Graduate Field Practicum II
- Soc Wk 6850 Graduate Field Practicum III
- Education Graduate Certificate in Social Justice in Education

V. Recruitment Fellowships

Do we need to change the application dates? We've been unsuccessful in the past in finding enough students to accept the $5000 awards. Should we ask the GPDs to select nominees and then have Graduate Council do an electronic vote? Council decided to have a rolling deadline. We will change our website and notify the Graduate Program Directors.

Dissertation Fellowships

We normally spend $30,000 at the November deadline and $30,000 at the March deadline. Although there is nothing in the guidelines about holding other employment, it would need to be included in the compensation package.

Fellowship applications will be reviewed at the November 21 meeting. Should there be uniform standards across disciplines? Could we put them into categories similar to those at the Graduate Research Fair? There will be two categories: Social Science/Education/Business; Natural Sciences/Math. The Graduate Program Director or student may select the category for review.
Council will vote in both groups and award the top candidate in each field. There will be two awards given for fall and two for spring.

**VI. Dean’s Report**

Some of the items that we will be looking at this year are:

- Dissertation policies for professional doctorates
- Possible guidelines added for Master’s thesis. What happens if there isn’t a unanimous vote? Should it be similar to the dissertation policy?
- Probation status due to 3.00 cumulative GPA policy. Should there be more monitoring at the Graduate School level? Chairing dissertations – Our policies state that this should be part of the five year review of faculty. How do we monitor who may lead a dissertation?
- Grades for dissertations and theses: consideration of DL grades vs S/U grades.
- We need to delete the IP grade from the Graduate School policies since it wasn’t implemented as planned.

Programs. Start now if you are planning to offer new programs. Interdisciplinary or collaborative programs are easier to get approved.

Strategic Plan. We received three times the match for scholarships. Most of the funding will go to undergraduate scholarships. In order to achieve our goal of an enrollment increase by 20% in 2018, we will consider expanding the “I Chose UMSL” scholarship from recent UMSL undergraduates to one of the following options:

- Keep at recent undergraduates
- Award to alumni who have graduated within the last five years
- Help students who have ‘stopped out’ to return and finish their degree.

The Dean will send out policies that were mentioned above.

The meeting ended at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Heckel for
Susan Kashubeck-West
Secretary and Vice-Chairperson

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