Council Members Present: Peter August, Jacqueline Britto, David Faflik, Michael Greenfield, Stephen Kogut, Rainer Lohmann, Julia Lovett, Matt Luby, Karen McCurdy, Scott McWilliams, Matt Porter, Abran Salazar, Daniel Sheinin, Evelyn Sterne, Devon Swanson

Others Present: Dean Nasser Zawia, Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck, Megan Yakey, Alycia Mosley Austin

I. Call to order at 2:02 PM by Dean Killingbeck

II. Minutes of Meeting Number 487 were approved

III. Announcements

A. Associate Dean Killingbeck recognized recent additions to the Graduate Faculty

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B. Associate Dean Killingbeck updated Council on the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools call for nominations. There were 13 nominations received in the area of Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering. All of the entries were impressive making a selection difficult.

C. Associate Dean Killingbeck updated Council on the 2015 Graduate Commencement speaker, which is no new news at this point. We are still awaiting word from the Office of the Provost.

D. Associate Dean Killingbeck reminded Council about the Excellence in Doctoral Research Awards. The deadline is 10 March 2015 to submit nominations. Awards may be presented in STEM and/or non-STEM areas, depending on the number and quality of nominations. Winners receive a certificate and a $1000 award.

E. Associate Dean Killingbeck spoke with Council regarding the development of a task force to look deeper into the teaching assistantship distribution issue.
F. Associate Dean Killingbeck informed Council of the details of a recent meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. One specific topic of interest was the issue of Graduate Faculty Status. Over two years ago Council worked hard on the wording and exact policy that is now in the Graduate School Manual. Council agreed that we should continue to bring this topic back to the Faculty Senate for a vote.

G. Associate Dean Killingbeck noted that he will be retiring at the end of the summer, but will stay at the University to more fully pursue his research. Mixed emotions prevailed. He noted that the position of Associate Dean will be opening in the Graduate School and asked Council to think of suitable internal candidates.

IV. Committees
   A. Curriculum committee

      Changes Approved
      HDF 577 Topics in Human Development and Family Studies

      New Courses Approved
      CFS 590 Cyber Security Internship

   B. New Program Committee

      A post-baccalaureate Certificate in Hydrology was approved with minor revisions and only 1 nay vote.

V. Topics for Discussion
   A. The topic of permanent embargoes for theses/dissertations was introduced to Council by Associate Dean Killingbeck. He turned the conversation over to Julia Lovett. She briefed Council on the history of this topic in Council of the last few years. This specific issue came up after the original policy was set. Currently we have an allowable 2-year embargo for students. Several members questioned if the 2-year embargo can be continually rolled over. Motion to send a motion to the Research Council to re-establish the policy regarding the distribution of the thesis or dissertation that was inadvertently removed. The motion passed.

   B. Program Committee structure for students in the CELS Biological and Environmental Sciences (BES) degree program was discussed. Models of committee membership requirements from other universities were looked at to help guide the discussion. A motion was made: for students in the CELS Biological and Environmental Sciences graduate program, the department in which the major professor resides is considered to be the ‘inside’ department. The ‘outside’ member of the committee must reside in a department other than
the one in which the major professor resides. The third member of the committee is the second ‘inside’ member and must come from the same discipline as the major professor/student, regardless of department affiliation. The motion passed with a vote of 8 yay, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions. The reason for the motion is that students in the CELS BES graduate programs are affiliated with a specific BES specialization, not a department.

C. Intellectual Opportunity Credits and what constitutes a student’s ‘major field of study’ was discussed. After reviewing the current policy regarding Intellectual Opportunity Credits, the consensus was that the policy worked and that there was no reason to change it.

D. The emerging issue of students who have completed all of the credits for a post-graduate certificate before being admitted to the certificate program, and then wanting to take the certificate after the fact, yet with nothing left in which to enroll (other than CRG 999) was tabled due to time constraints.

E. EGRA application rubrics development was tabled due to time constraints.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VI. Adjournment at 3:55pm