Present: Paul Alberto, Faye Borthick, Michelle Brattain, Harry Dangel, Shelby Frost, Yu-Sheng Hsu, Susan Laury, Carrie Manning, Valerie Miller, Lloyd Nigro, George Pullman, Don Reitzes, Lorilee Schneider, Sara Weigle.


Call to Order
The Acting Chair, Sara Weigle called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. in Room 718, General Classroom Building.

Approval of Minutes
Dr. Nigro motioned to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting.
Dr. Reitzes seconded the motion.
The minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

The chair asked Dr. Dangel to report on a follow-up item from the previous meeting. Dr. Dangel checked with the Board of Regents regarding program assessment procedures. It is included in the template for new programs, which is listed on the Board of Regent’s (BOR) website. There is an expectation that departments will have a procedure regarding how they will assess new programs.

The chair explained that the purpose of the March meeting is:

1. APRC report on the Psychology Self Study

Dr. Nigro: APRC is working on six graduate self-studies. Psychology is the first one. It is on-line. Dr. Borthick chaired the report. Eight recommendations were given to the department. There were reviews by the research committee on three centers, which were favorable.

Dr. Nigro motioned for the committee to approve the report.

Dr. Miller seconded the motion.

Dr. Morris thanked the committee for their input. She stated that the department concurs with the eight recommendations that will be addressed in the action plan.

The motion was approved unanimously.
2. **Graduate Council Motion to approve new Ph.D. in Mathematics & Statistics**

   Dr. Alberto stated that the Graduate Council recommends approval so that it can be forwarded to the BOR. It consists of a PhD with two concentrations: bio-informatics and bio-statistics.

   Dr. Alberto motioned for the committee to approve the report.

   Dr. Hattingh thanked the graduate council, the dean’s office and CAP for all their input. Bio-Informatics and Bio-Statistics support other programs in Computer Science, Biology and Chemistry. The goal is to add strength to these programs.

   There was some discussion of the number of course hours specifically for doctoral level students. D. Hattingh agreed to clarify this point in the proposal.

   It was approved unanimously.

3. **Other Business**

   None.

   The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.