1. **Approval of Minutes - February 19, 2010**

Fisk suggested corrections to the February 19th minutes:

a. Item #3, para #10:
   
   O’Reilly pointed out….. degrees are accredited outside the university.

b. Item #3, para #12:
   
   *After a short discussion, a vote was taken and the amendment was rejected.*

c. Item #4, para #1:

   Loveland pointed out that there is a typo on the first line of the Policy *distributed with the agenda* that will need to be...

Minutes from February 19th, 2010 approved with above corrections in underlined Italic.

2. **Updates from Chair**

Walt Loveland announced that Theresa Filtz asked that she be excused from reviewing the Lottery Scholarships applications. As there were no volunteers to replace her, Loveland proposed asking Darlene Russ-Eft, who would replace Jessica White on the Council during Spring term, to review them. Later on, Darlene Russ-Eft agreed to review the Lottery Scholarships applications.

Loveland also informed the Council that the State Legislature requested the OUS System to evaluate changing to the semester system. Aldwin mentioned that when the University of California System studied this option, they found it would be very expensive to change and they abandoned the idea. O’Reilly asked why people like...
the quarter system. Wolpert responded that students hit a barrier at 10 weeks, and semesters are 15 weeks long.

3. Discussion of Graduate Review Reports from Environmental Sciences, NE/RHP, and Fisheries and Wildlife

Walt Loveland opened the discussion about the two follow-up reviews and the regular review presented to the Council at its last meeting:

a. NE/RHP: Even though the graduate program is a strong one, the RHP program has been put on a watch list due to low enrollment. Graduate student support is limited with about 30-40 graduate students (out of 130) being supported.

Motion: Nancy King moved to accept the Follow-Up report. Rick Colwell seconded. No further discussions. Follow-Up Report accepted.

b. Fisheries and Wildlife: The program has implemented all recommendations from the Review Panel. Another strong program.

Motion: Tom Wolpert moved to accept the Follow-Up report. Carolyn Aldwin seconded. No further discussion. Follow-Up Report accepted.

c. Environmental Sciences Graduate Program (ESGP) Review: Loveland indicated that he was disturbed about the fact that the ESGP students felt that they did not belong to a department or college. Is the College of Science pulling out its support? The Biology Program provides six GTAs. Another concern is the fact that the Review Panel recommended that the program continues with its current level and not increase its enrollment which is currently about 45 students. Loveland then asked Aaron Wolf (guest for the Cat I proposals from COAS) if he had an insight regarding having ESGP move to the Division of Arts and Sciences in the new organization. Wolf responded that a conversation with the director, Andy Blaustein, will occur at a later stage.

The University Budget Committee (UBC) chaired by Loveland was charged twice by the Provost to look into the interdisciplinary program models. That group recommended that either a “pass the hat” model be used (involving support by the Deans) or the programs be housed in the Grad School with limited financial support.

Fisk pointed out that the ESGP is not entirely in the College of Science, but includes education, public policy, agricultural sciences, engineering, oceanography, and forestry. If the program moves under one college, the budget for these programs will stay with the colleges they came from. Loveland suggested that this issue should be raised with Provost Randhawa when the Review Panel member, the director of the program, and the Dean of the Graduate School meet with him on April 2nd, 2010. He needs to know that they have outgrown the support they are currently receiving. Different financial models should be discussed.

Motion: To accept the report and emphasize the financial model to the Provost during the discussion in early April. Jo Tynon moved. Walt Loveland seconded. Motion approved.
4. **Category I Proposals from Oceanography**  
The guests, Bob Duncan and Aaron Wolf, were introduced to the Council members. Duncan started by introducing the Category I proposals from Oceanography. COAS has three graduate degree programs, namely Atmospheric Sciences (MA, MS, PhD), Oceanography (MA, MS, PhD), and Geophysics (MA, MS, PhD). They are proposing a name change to consolidate the three current related graduate majors into a single major program of study. The degree will change its name to the *Program of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences* while the Atmospheric Sciences and Geophysics degrees will be terminated.

Penn State and Wisconsin, the comparators, are behind OSU, as they don’t have oceanography programs. The idea was to merge the three programs into one. The only change in curriculum for the students is the addition of the three introductory core courses that provide interdisciplinary foundation required for all COAS students.

Loveland wondered about the overlap with the College of Science degrees. Wolf responded that this is not a concern for either the College or the Department of Geosciences who are offering a full support to COAS and to the Category I proposals. Geosciences faculty collaborate very well with the COAS faculty. Geophysics students are advised by Geosciences and COAS faculty. Geosciences is also developing undergraduate degrees with COAS. When asked if Geosciences offered MS and PhD in earth sciences, Wolf indicated that under the Earth Sciences umbrella, graduate degrees are offered in Geology, Geography and Earth Sciences.

Duncan commented that they would like Geosciences and COAS degrees to be in the same unit. Several reasonable alternatives to the divisional restructuring have been discussed and it is not clear where the programs will end up. He also indicated that they are working on a Category I proposal for the undergraduate degree, to be submitted in the fall term.

Aldwin asked for the reasons why the Environmental Sciences program is not part of this reorganization. Wolf responded that this could happen in the future. Fisk pointed out that the faculty in this program come from seven different colleges.

Duncan added that the designator for the new courses is OEA, that there are no more slash courses, but they will become only 500 credit courses. A different curriculum will be established to satisfy the marine science and oceanography for undergraduate students, and a Category I is being written to create this.

Wolpert wondered what COAS’ response is to Cary Green’s comment that the name change should wait until the reorganization has been completed. Duncan responded that Dean Sherm Bloomer sent a comprehensive email with which he supports the proposals. He proceeded to read the email. He then indicated that the Executive Dean of the Division of Earth Systems Sciences, Hal Salwasser, was given the opportunity to respond, but COAS has not received his feedback. The process began before the divisional structure started. It is an in-house issue and COAS would like to see its graduate programs develop.

Loveland proceeded by saying that his understanding was that the Executive Dean of a division should have their names on any Category I proposal. He will check with Becky Warner and will inform the Council members.
Both Duncan and Wolf were thanked and excused. The discussion proceeded. Colwell added that COAS wrote a letter to the Provost with the request to integrate earth sciences, in an effort to organize the faculty in a way to bring COAS and Geosciences together. Unfortunately, the Administration did not respond to this request.

**Motions:**
1. Loveland to contact Becky Warner regarding clarification if the Executive Dean of a division should be signing off on the Category I proposals.
2. COAS would make minor changes to the proposal regarding the slash courses to change them to 5xx courses.
3. Loveland to email Council members and ask for their approval, then will send the proposals on to the Curriculum Council.

Defer approval until clarification and revisions are made. Aldwin moved. Tynon seconded. No further discussions. Motions passed.

Following the Graduate Council meeting, Walt Loveland reported by email the following:
1. He contacted Becky Warner who clarified that the Executive Deans do not sign Category I proposals, but they are expected to provide liaison comments on them from the perspective of their College and their Division. Hal Salwasser was contacted and indicated his support and approval of the Oceanography Category I proposals on behalf of the College of Forestry and the Earth Sciences Division.
2. Bob Duncan edited the proposals to change references to 4xx/5xx core courses to 5xx courses.
3. The Curriculum Council would like to take up the Oceanography proposals at its 12 March meeting.

He proposed to the Council the following resolution/action:

The Graduate Council recommends approval of the three Category I proposals from Oceanography to:
(a) terminate the Graduate Degree in Atmospheric Sciences (MA, MS, PHD)
(b) to terminate the Graduate Degree in Geophysics (MA, MS, PHD)
(c) to rename the Graduate Degree in Oceanography to a degree in Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (MA, MS, PHD).

The Council notes that there are similar programs being developed for undergraduate students that will be discussed in forthcoming Category I proposal(s). Much of the Graduate Council's discussion centered around the relationship between these proposals and the proposed School of Earth and Environmental Sciences in the College of Science. It appears the faculty of Oceanography and Geosciences are committed to mutually supporting each other's efforts in graduate education in the Earth Sciences. With this in mind, the Graduate Council was not concerned about the apparent overlap between the programs and degrees.

Council members approved, by email, the above resolution.
5. History of Science Graduate Program Review Follow-Up
The guests, Jonathan Katz and Bob Duncan were introduced to the Council members. Duncan reported that he was presenting the Follow-Up report on behalf of Tom McClain who chaired the earlier Review Panel, but could not be present today. Both McClain and Duncan met last November, with History Department Chair Jonathan Katz to discuss the progress in carrying forward the Action Plan.

The program has taken on the Review Panel’s recommendations, and all the areas have been strengthened. An increase in number of core faculty (33% more), in number of graduate students, in financial support and office space for graduate students among other things, has been accomplished. The Department of History has also been in discussion with the Department of Philosophy in the goal of combining both programs into a History and Philosophy Department.

Loveland asked what are the biggest challenges the program faces. Katz indicated that their challenge is the lack of funds and the number of students. The expansion of history and philosophy into one department will help. Nationwide, history programs have an average of only two PhD students a year. Wolpert asked how many stand alone graduate courses are offered. Katz responded that they try to always offer one stand alone course each term. The History of Science graduate program is the only PhD program (Note: This is incorrect. Applied Anthropology has a Ph.D. program) in the whole College of Liberal Arts (CLA). They feel that the CLA dean does not embrace the program, and would like to receive a reassurance from him. He also reported that he contacted as many alums as he could find, to check on the record of their placements after graduation. The result is very impressive.

Duncan suggested that there could be a good opportunity for the History of Science faculty to take the lead in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) course that was offered last fall by both the Graduate School and the Research Office. Fisk followed up by saying that he, indeed, contacted Mike Osborne regarding leading the course. This would be a great service to the university to have faculty with the History of Science background involved in teaching this course.

Motion: Accept the History of Science Graduate Program Follow-Up Report. Tynon moved. O’Reilly seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

6. Spring Term Meetings
Loveland wondered if spring term meetings should start the second week of the term; Council members agreed. Vickie Nunnemaker will solicit times and dates from Council members and will schedule weekly meetings, which will be needed because of all the Category I and II proposals in the pipeline.

Adjourned at 10:45 am