The Graduate Council met March 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m in Wingo 315. The following members were present: Clay Arnold, Tammy Benson, Tim Bisping, Lisa Daniels, James Fowler, Cori French, Ramesh Garimella, Terry James, Jeff Jarvis, Paul Jensen, Weijiu Liu, Elaine McNiece, Julie Meaux, Mike Rubach, Joan Simon, and Jaime Zambrano. Jane Dahlenburg, Bruce Hutchinson, Shane Irgens, Rick Noyes and David Skotko were absent.

I. Graduate Council Minutes from February 19, 2009 were approved unanimously.

II. Jaime Zambrano was introduced as a new member of the Council.

III. Graduate Faculty Applications

Revised drafts from College of Health and Behavioral Sciences were presented to the council. Discussion of general process for graduate faculty review and approval continued.

IV. New Course Proposals

A. Contingent Approval New Course CSCI 5370 – Data Mining –contingent on receipt of revised reference list information.

B. Approved Unanimously New Course HED 5306 – Health Literacy

C. Moved to April Agenda following PEC Review
   New Course GEOG 5316 - Remote Sensing for Teachers
   New Course GEOG 5317 - Geographic Information Systems for Teachers I
   New Course GEOG 5318 - Geographic Information Systems for Teachers II

V. New Degree/Program Requirements

A. Approved Unanimously ECSE/Special Education (Instructional Specialist) - Require students to complete Praxis II exam and submit documentation of score before taking comprehensive exams. Require midpoint portfolio of all students (eliminating the final portfolio for degree seeking students. Instituting a comprehensive exam.

B. Approved Unanimously ECSE/Reading Program – Require students to complete Praxis Test for Reading Specialists and submit documentation of score prior to taking comprehensive exams. Change in electives where students can select one of the following courses (WLAN 5325 Second Language Acquisition, WRTG 5310 Linguistics for Educators or ENGL 5361 Literature for Adolescents) in
order to comply with IRA standards without changing total program hours.

VI. Information Items

A. Course title change for LIBM 6398 Research Methods to LIBM 6398 Research Methods in Literacy and Teaching.

B. Course title change for LIBM 6370 Integration of the School Library Media Center into the Curriculum to LIBM 6370 Issues and Trends in Children’s, Juvenile, and Young Adult Literature.

C. Course description change for LIBM 6370 Integration of the School Library Media Center into the Curriculum. This course delineates the role of library media resources in support of literacy development. It focuses on historical as well as controversial issues and trends in children’s, juvenile, and young adult literature and the impact on overall program development.

D. Change LIBM 6371 from an elective to a Requirement.

E. Change LIBM 6361 Technical Services to an elective.

F. Delete Tract II- Information Agencies from Library Media and Information Technology degree.

Next Meeting will be April 16, 2009, Wingo 315.