1. Karen Plager thanked everyone for their hard work this past academic year. She is going to miss being a part of UGC but is ready to turn the reigns over to Richard Rogers who is our Chair for the next academic year. A synopsis of the UGC academic year accomplishments was presented.

2. Minutes from the March 24, 2010 meeting were approved.

3. Curriculum Change—Arts and Letters

MA in English, Emphasis in English Education—Plan Change.

Angela Hansen spoke on behalf of the MA in English explaining the changes and modifications to the program. This 37-unit plan as listed in the catalog is actually a 55-57 credit program. It provides students with the necessary coursework to earn post-degree certification in English education in order to obtain a position as a secondary English/language arts teacher. Sandra Stone from the College of Education felt the changes interfered with the offerings in the education department. It was noted that duplication was not a technical issue because both programs already exist.

A motion to approve was made, seconded and approved with eight for the plan change, four opposed, and two abstentions.

ENG 577—Readings in Creative Writing—New Course.

Nicole Walker presented the new course designed as intensive study of narrative/poetic techniques in selected literary texts. This new course is for students in the graduate creative writing program.

A motion was made to approve the new course, seconded, and approved.

CHM 540 Theoretical Chemistry – Course Change.

Cynthia Hartzell presented the rational to co-convene CHM 540 with CHM 442C. She stated that the words “may be co-convened” must be in the accepted change. This proposal has the option to not co-convene the courses each semester they are offered.

A motion to approve the course change was made, seconded, and approved with typographical corrections.

M.S. Climate Science and Solutions—New Plan.

George Koch and Bruce Hungate explained the new 36 hour program stating it offered new solutions to the carbon-economy, supports sustainability in many areas including emissions reduction. This is an interdisciplinary program.

A motion to approve the new plan was made, seconded, and approved.


Matt Hurteau said this new course meets current industry needs in the area of greenhouse gas management.

A motion to approve the new course was made, seconded, and approved with one abstention.

GLG 570—Geochemistry: Earth As A Chemical System. New Course.

Tom Sisk said this course was taught as GLG 599 and would fill a gap in course loads. This new course has functional components relevant to current environmental issues.

A motion to approve the new course was made, seconded, and approved with one opposed.

5. Curriculum Change—Health and Human Services

M.S. Clinical Speech Pathology—Submission Form & Plan Change.

Elise Lindstedt addressed the plan change which includes reconfiguration of course content as charged by the Clinical Speech Pathology accrediting body. Mary Harmon explained the 66 required hours for the plan included nine units in three practicum offerings.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved contingent upon new course approval further in this agenda.

CSD 502 Observation and Clinical Practice In Speech Language Pathology—New Course.

Tabled for future review of a revised syllabus.

CSD 521 Communication Disorders: Birth to Three—New Course.

Ana Sosa said this new course specifically deals with issues from birth up to three years old. It was noted the course structure and approach were missing from the syllabus.

A motion to approve the new course was made, seconded, and approved contingent upon an updated syllabus.

CSD 531 Language Disorders in the Preschool Population—New Course.

Mary Harmon said the content of the course was radically changed as was the syllabus but the course number remains the same. This class is aimed at language disorders in three and four year olds.

A motion to approve the new course was made, seconded, and approved.

CSD 653 Traumatic Brain Injury and Dementia—New Course.

Emi Saki presented the new course addressing severe brain injury and dementia.

A motion to approve the new course was made, seconded, and approved.

Debera Thomas said this new plan accommodated nurses who already have a master level degree in nursing from NAU and who under past circumstances could not get another degree in nursing with an emphasis in family nurse practitioner from the same university.

Debera Thomas also addressed the plan change that was dependant on what courses the student had already taken in their master of nursing program of study. There are no additional classes required in the family nurse practitioner plan.

A motion to approve the new plan and plan changes was made, seconded, and approved.

6. Consent Agenda

CHM 698 Graduate Seminar—Course Change.
CSD 553 Multicultural Issues in Speech-Language Pathology—Course Deletion.
CSD 552 Aphasia and Related Language Disorders in Adults—Course Change.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

7. Dean’s Remarks.

Ramona gave a wrap-up of the UGC accomplishments over the past academic year along with thanking the members for their service. She announced that there was 100% participation of UGC members in dissertation defenses.

8. GSO Report: Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret

There was no report from GSO other than a plea to make sure a clear distinction is made between graduate level and under-graduate level work on the syllabus in a co-convened class.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.