**Minutes:**

**Graduate Programs Council**

**October 7, 2015**

**1:30 – 2:50 p.m.**

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**In Attendance**: A. Amtzis, S.Z. Carroll, M. Hall, D. Hallback, S. Hydro, C. Kartoz, L. Ortiz-Vilarelle, C. Rajam

**Not in Attendance**: G. Seaton

**Excused:** E. Ball

Minutes prepared by Alan Amtzis

**Preliminary Announcements**:

 1)As discussed at prior (9.16.15) meeting, Tabitha Dell’Angelo submitted revisions to her Urban Education materials. Matt Hell will respond.

 2)Minutes from 9.16.15 (submitted by Chandru Rajam) were accepted.

**Agenda Items**:

 3)TCNJ Graduate Identity Matrix Discussion:

Matt Hall offered background. Discussion of interpretation of the data followed.

Details included:

A prior (3 years ago) request to develop a “comparator” list.

Central question: What makes TCNJ graduate program unique?

As a data gathering document, what are the signature, or rather, distinguishing, experiences for graduate students that cut across all disciplinary boundaries?

What common understandings, expectations go across all programs?

Are there shared features across all 7 schools and graduate programs?

How do other parallel schools address these concerns?

Should all 7 schools have shared features and would these apply equally to graduate experiences?

The prior list stems from a time when our graduate identity was evolving. There has been a good deal of growth since then,

We discussed the website of the McKinsey Academy for illustrative purposes. Should we be affirming who we are?

How do we reconcile commonality and diversity across 7 schools, raising issues of professional schools vs. liberal arts.

Relationship to the Conceptual Frameworks and Strategic Plans.

A suggestion was made to assemble a “Wordle” based on mission statements of each school, as a way of envisioning what concepts appear strongest across campus. We suggested that our next meeting might be a “BYOW” event (Bring Your Own Wordle)

4)Student Survey Results

Discussion was brief as time was running short. We will return to this after discussion of Qualtrics issues.

5)Report from Graduate Studies

Susan Hydro offered an overview of the recent Open House:

77 attended

A survey was offered to the attendees and another those who did not attend.

Upcoming webinars on December 2 and December 9

NJEA Annual Convention upcoming (November 4-6)

Bulletin now posted

Fall Graduate column being edited, will distribute October 19

Discussion of a Basic Skills requirement for students seeking initial certification. Effective Sept 2015. This may add a layer of assessment for graduate program coordinators.

Brief discussion of council of graduate students and the database of McNair Scholars related to interest areas.

Meeting Adjourned