Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. with Dr. Deborah Williams, Chair, presiding.

Guest Presentation
General Counsel- Colin Mailloux
- Mr. Mailloux presented an overview of the Sunshine Law and Public Meetings Law.

Review and Approval of May 17, 2010 Minutes
The previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

Chair’s Report
Dr. Williams reviewed a Graduate Council Orientation PowerPoint presentation, which will be made available on the Graduate Council website. In addition she requested all members to email her by Friday, August 20, with their preference for committee assignment and to indicate if there was interest in serving as a committee chair.

Dean’s Report
- Dr. Kalanithy Vairavamoorthy, the new Director of the School of Global Sustainability, arrives on campus this week.
- The inaugural student cohort in the M.A. program in Sustainability begins classes on Saturday, August 21.
- The Graduate School has announced two new fellowships:
  1) the Dissertation Completion Fellowship
  2) the Signature Research Fellowship
Recipients for 2010 were awarded in July. Four students were awarded the Dissertation Completion Fellowship, and one student was granted the Signature Research award. More information regarding these fellowships may be found on the Graduate School website.
Dean’s Report Continued

• The 2010 Challenge Grant Award recipients will conduct their mid-year presentations August 20, 2010.
• The Graduate School will open nominations for Faculty mentor awards in September. This is a new Graduate School initiative that will acknowledge excellence in graduate student mentoring.

Committee Reports

• There was no Policy Committee Report
• There was no Curriculum Committee Report
• The Curriculum Chair’s report was reviewed and approved as presented
• The 2009-2010 Annual Reports for the Policy/Fellowship and Curriculum Committees were reviewed and are available on the website.

Other Business

• Membership Drive
  o Dr. Williams noted that there are still a number of vacancies and suggested that current members share this information with their Colleges and Departments so that the vacancies could be filled. Nomination information is on the website.

• Election of Vice-Chair
  o Dr. Jackie Reck was nominated as Vice-Chair. The motion to approve was unanimous.

• Committee Structure
  o Discussion took place on whether to have three committees: Policy, Curriculum, Fellowship; or to have two committees: Policy, Curriculum and retain Fellowship as an Ad-hoc Committee; or to continue as currently structured with a combined Policy/Fellowship Committee and a Curriculum Committee. Motion was made to retain the current structure. Motion was approved. It was noted that additional members on the Policy/Fellowship committee would help with equalizing the workload for policy and fellowship review.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the Council adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
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