ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY School of Education Grad Council Minutes Day/Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012	
Present:	Dr. Dwight Davidson, Dr. Hallett Hullinger, Dr. Jim Myers, Dr. Mary Lou Miller, Dr. Tim Norton, Dr. Patrick Otto, Dr. Sherri Tapp
Absent:	Dr. Calvin Roso
Guest:	Dr. Kim Boyd, Dean, College of Education
Minutes taken by: Agenda	Denise Hopper
Opening prayer	Dr. Miller opened the meeting with prayer at 1:40 pm.
Motion 1 st – 2-28-12 Dr. Norton 2 nd Dr. Davidson Passed	The minutes from the February 21, 2012, Grad Council meeting were read and approved by the Grad Council.
General Business	eMail March Mods needs to Lance as he'll be out of town until the week of Mods. Branding – in your doors you'll find 2 items regarding branding as it applies to our department and how components are being met. Feb. Advisee reports are due to Dr. Otto March 9.
Degree plan cleanup project	Due back to Dr. Otto April 1.
Dr. Stone Committee work	Dr. Miller stated that Dr. Stone has been very pro-active in her willingness to contact students and get them motivated. Dr. Hullinger has given her some reading and Dr. Norton has her doing some editing.
Defenses ???	Discussed possible Spring 2012 defenses.
Ed.D. Candidate Issue Motion 1 st - 2-28-12 Dr. Norton 2 nd Dr. Myers Passed	Grace Nditiru was initially admitted into the Ed.D. Program in 2007 but was unable to take any classes. She made reapplication in 2010 and began classes January 2011. Dr. Norton made a motion that her entry date for 7 year purposes begin January 2011, with the clear understanding that we expect her to finish by 2018 with no extensions.
Dissertation II GADM 920	Start steering students to this class – it begins mid-March, there's still time. Students in late Chapter 1 and early Chapter 2 would benefit. The primary thrust of this course is Chapter2.

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Faculty Senate Report	Dr. Norton gave faculty senate report.
Dissertation Process	Discussed how to get people through our dissertation process in the 7 years allowed without extension after extension. Mainly looked at two issues: 1. The end process – look at the end of the 7 year process, unless there are dire reasons, end at the 7 year mark; 2. The front-end process – skill set is so low at entry, we need an assessment up front on writing skills. Admissions will drop significantly but those in the program have a higher chance of success. A committee was formed (Hullinger, Miller & Stone) to look at different types of dissertations and come up with a model rubric for the entrance writing assessment centered around degrees offered. Dr. Boyd would like to see a new writing assessment in place by Fall 2012
Cool iPad Things	The white connector fits an iphone and you can go on-line and project from an iphone just like with the ipad.
Disposition Issues: New & Follow-up	No disposition issues were discussed.
Calendar Events	3/1/12 WPA Interviews 3/6/12 GC 3/14-17/12 Mods 3/15/12 Dissertation Lunch 3/19-23/12 Spring Break 3/27/12 No GC (was originally listed as having it) 4/2-5/12 April Comps 4/6/12 Good Friday 4/10/12 GC 4/17/12 GC 4/24/12 Probable last GC for the year Fellowship at the Otto's 4/27/12 Scholarly activity reports are due
Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, GC 6 th Fl., Conference Room #1, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. (approximately)	
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.	