



Minutes of Meeting
Graduate Council
April 15, 2009; 3:05—3:50 p.m.
Reeve Memorial Union 220

Present: Susan Cramer, Fredi Giesler, Roxana Huebscher, Karen King, Jim Koch, Thomas Lammers, Frances Rauscher, Alan Saginak, Michael Tippins, Greg Wypiszynski

Dean-in-Residence: Fred Yeo

Graduate Council Chair: To be determined

Excused: Denise Clark, Leona Dempsey, Diane Park, Joan Simmons

Absent: Gary Adams, Judith Hankes, Ruwan Hemachandra, Marguerite Parks, Christine Roth, Jennifer Szydlak

Invited Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Greg Wypiszynski at 3:05 p.m.

Approval Items

Due to a lack of a quorum, the following motions were approved by those GC members present. However, the motions will also be forwarded to the GC members unable to attend the meeting, for their votes via paper ballot.

1. The minutes of the January 22, 2009 GC meeting were approved as distributed, with the correction of noted typographical errors.
2. Motion/second by F. Giesler/M. Tippins to approve the nomination of Jim Koch as Graduate Council Chair effective immediately through Summer 2010 (August 8, 2010). Motion passed: Yes-8; No-0; Abstain-0.

Those GC members present expressed their appreciation to Jim for his willingness to serve.

Jim was the meeting facilitator from this point forward.

3. Governance groups have been asked to approve the academic year calendars for AY 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Motion/second by F. Rauscher/A. Saginak to approve the calendars, with the following correction to be reported to the Provost's Office: page 2 of

the 2012-13 Academic Calendar: First line under “Comments,” May 10 should be changed to May 17. Motion passed: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Fredi G. asked if the MSW calendar could be added. Due to the collaborative degree program with UW-Green Bay, the MSW academic year calendar is arranged differently. Another request was posed: could there be an undergraduate calendar and a separate graduate calendar, as graduate coursework is scheduled differently. Greg will check with the Provost’s Office on these requests.

4. Motion/second by R. Huebscher/F. Giesler as follows: Assuming election of Jim Koch as Graduate Council Chair, suspend any Graduate Council Bylaw Articles, Sections or Items (if needed) to fill GC or GC Committee appointments through the end of Academic Year 2008-09. (If this motion is approved, Jim will continue to serve as Chair of the Curriculum Approval Committee and GC faculty representative to the Academic Policies Committee.). Motion passed: Yes-9; No-0; Abstain-0.

Discussion/Action Items

5. Jim K. commented that as GC Chair, he wants to become more familiar with the graduate programs and their individual concerns and issues. He also wants to review the GC task forces, to decide which ones should continue and which ones may be disbanded.
6. Redirection of Graduate School Initiative Program (GSIP) Funds
Greg commented that during the January 2009 Graduate Enrollment Summit, concern was expressed about support to the graduate programs for growth and expansion. Greg had a conversation with the Provost about redirecting some GSIP funds to curricular and academic program development. The Provost responded that he might be able to provide some matching funds. Greg has drafted some guidelines for this, to be discussed with the Provost, Jim K., and Fred Y. The guidelines would then be presented to the Graduate Council. Fred commented that the GPR budget reduction for FY 2009-2010 might affect GSIP.
7. Enrollment/Applications Report
Greg commented that the recent reports he sent to the graduate programs included information on admission yield. He wants to establish some benchmarks for measuring application to admission to enrollment data. Any questions/comments on this may be directed to Greg.
8. Project Priorities/Graduate Council
A grid of GC project priorities was distributed. The 27 items listed were based on the expanded GC agenda items that have been previously published. Each graduate program coordinator is asked to complete the grid, include their graduate program name, and send it to Greg W. The responses will be used to determine agenda items for future GC meetings.

9. Comments from Dr. Yeo, Dean-in-Residence

He would like to continue the momentum of the discussion at the previous Graduate Enrollment Summit to the upcoming one regarding graduate programs generating program revenue. He could provide a template and discuss the different kinds of program revenue funding.

RE the upcoming Summit, Greg will send an email to the GC, asking if there are any specific issues that should be addressed. The suggestion was made that perhaps the Provost could give a budget review.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. A Graduate Enrollment Summit meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2009; 12:30--3:30 p.m.; Badger State Room, Gruenhagen Conference Center.

Gloria Splittgerber, Recorder

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