

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Present:

Substitutes:

Absent:

The meeting called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Graduate Council Chair Jim Koch.

Approval Items

1. Graduate Council Minutes of April 1, 2010

Motion/second by Cramer/Huebscher to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously. No discussion.

2. Strategic Plan as submitted by the Graduate Education Development Team (GEDT) with previous feedback from Graduate Council

There was some discussion about activities of GEDT and plan development since the last Council meeting. Jim K. identified what feedback was received from Council members regarding the plan.

Motion/second by Cramer/Tippins to approve the plan. Additional brief discussion. Jim K. explained the next steps for the plan. Mentioned the GEDT was planning a working meeting during the spring interim. Vote: one abstain; one acknowledge, all others in favor.

Discussion Items

3. Graduate Studies Initiative Program (GSIP)—Finalize purpose and Guidelines for Use

Greg W. gave a brief introduction. Discussion followed. Comments and questions were:

Does this cover course development in addition to Faculty Development teaching grant? The College of Business has some summer money to develop courses; Funding course development from GSIP would support strategic plan; GSIP could be an option if Faculty Development funding not received; GSIP money should support strategic plan goals; Add date when proposals are due; Two proposal cycles a year would be helpful; Could also consider smaller amounts throughout the year; With established criteria may not need deadlines; Our deadline could be after Faculty Development award announcements (synchronize); Add criteria—proposal serves strategic plan; Who will be the reviewers? --- the smaller the panel the better. Current draft of the guidelines are suggestions, all is open to revision; Should fall submissions be due Nov? Spring submissions due Apr 15 or 30; Grad Council Executive Committee is a favored review body; If review committee meets regularly, no need for deadlines; There should be limits on requests or determine limits each year; Determine limits by categories defined by Council or review committee.

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4. Recently Approved New Program Proposal

There was comment from and discussion between the Curriculum Approval Committee and Council members. Discussion was primarily about two new program proposals.

- A. Penny Garcia and Fred Yeo responded to questions about proposal for entitlement to plan for MS-Human Services and Nonprofit Leadership. More needs analysis will be done if entitlement to plan is approved. Question about this program competing with MPA. Penny G. identified degree would be complementary to the MPA.
- B. Susan Cramer and Fred Yeo answered questions about the Educational Administration Certificate for Principal Licensure

5. Policy for +/- grading

Because of the new 12-point grading scale implemented in fall 2009, the graduate policy regarding the number of grades below a B that will be allowed as a graduation requirement will need to be revised. There was discussion about this issue. A draft revision to the policy will be presented to the Council during the 10-11 academic year. Until then put in disclaimer in the bulletin that grades from both scales below a pre-determined limit will be used to determine a student's eligibility for meeting degree completion requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Meeting notes provided by Greg Wypiszynski