

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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December 4, 2007

Members Present:                      M. Perez (Chair), S. Brown-Welty D. Dickerson,  
G. Kriehn, N. Mahalik, T. Skeen, Z. Wang,  
R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent:                      T. Dull (excused), C. Barnes (Student).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Perez at 2:04 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

1.     Minutes:     MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/27/2007.
2.     Agenda.     MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3.     Communications and Announcements.

S. Brown-Welty attended a Senate Meeting regarding Graduate Student Petitions Committee Policy and Procedures (APM 428). The changes to APM 428 were approved and amended successfully.

Provost's Scholarships have been awarded.

There is a one-time Faculty Enhancement available (due mid February).

Andrew Rogerson has been appointed as the new Dean of Science and Mathematics.

4.     Department of Plant Science Graduate Program Review – Committee Recommendations.

The Graduate Committee commends the program for its excellent self-study.

The Graduate Committee commends faculty regarding commitment to their graduate students and program.

The Graduate Committee recommends the following:

- a.     Discuss implementation of a project opposed to just a thesis option.

- b. Update the timeline in the SOAP plan.
- c. Implement an Alumni survey, and continue with the graduate student exit survey if it is helpful in evaluation of the program.
- d. Explore avenues for enhancing graduate culture within their department.

MSC to approve the Plant Science Graduate Program as a "Program of Quality and Promise".

5. Graduate Admissions.

The Graduate Committee discussed the following concerns regarding graduate admissions:

- a. Clear guidelines are needed for evaluating the GPA of international students.
- b. Faculty have expressed concern regarding the electronic format for admissions (cumbersome, time lapse problems, difficult to read transcripts, etc.).
- c. It is necessary to establish Bologna student's criteria for students requesting entrance into a graduate program with a three-year degree.
- d. A policy for carrying admission of a student from one semester to the next.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

- 1. Approval of Minutes 12/4/2007.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda.
- 3. Communications and Announcements.
- 4. Graduate Admissions - Time Certain 2:15.