

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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March 17, 2009

Members Present:                      T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, K. Carey, P. English,  
N.P. Mahalik, S. Skelton, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent:                      G. Kriehn (excused).

Visitors.                                      Chuck Radke.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Skeen at 2: 05 p.m. in University Center, Room #203.

1.     Minutes.     MSC to approve the Minutes of 3/10/2009.
2.     Agenda.     MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3.     Communications and Announcements.
  - a.     Dean K. Carey announced that Chuck Radke, a staff member for the Division of Graduate Studies, was attending the meeting today to observe the discussion. She advised the group that a staff member from her office may attend from time-to-time so they can have an understanding of the various discussions of the committee.
  - b.     Dean K. Carey announced the deadline for submitting proposals for the Research symposium is approaching; April 1, 2009. She encouraged committee members to advertise the event and to try to get graduate students to attend the event.
  - c.     A revised version of (APM 322) Policy of Teaching Effectiveness was received from the Executive Committee. The policy was distributed to the committee for review. The revision will be discussed at the next meeting. The provisions in the policy will apply to undergraduate and graduate faculty.
4.     Civil Engineering Program Review.

The committee briefly discussed the report of the external evaluators, department chair and dean. A more in depth discussion on the program review will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

5. Language Requirement for the English, MFA.

Chair T. Skeen explained the issues related to requiring students to master a second language at this time in the program and the desire for the faculty to discontinue the requirement, only because there are no resources for the students (i.e., faculty) to complete the requirement. The committee recommended that Chair T. Skeen discuss with his faculty the option of suspending the requirement for a number of years until the resources are available, rather than remove the requirement permanently.

MSC to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/17/09.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Language Requirement for the English, MFA.
5. Sports Administration Option (2:20 time certain).
6. (APM 322) Policy on Teaching Effectiveness.