

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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Members Present: M. Wilson, Chair; C. F. Bohlin; S. Brown-Welty; N. Mahalik;  
F. Moreno; R. Raesi; M. Stevens; P. Trueblood; T. Wein; R.  
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Members Absent: None

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2 p.m. in room TA 117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/18/2011 with the adding “Deans and Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee” right after the word Provost under item 4.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - (a) Two new Committee Members, Carol Fry Bohlin from Education and Fernando Moreno from ASI, were introduced and welcomed.
  - (b) Dean Brown-Welty reminded the committee of the upcoming Graduate Coordinators breakfast and the planned speaking on GRE. She also briefly updated the members on the “Action Planning Meeting” and ongoing reviews of the programs. She added some Action Plans had been approved but others had not been approved yet.
  - (c) Chair Wilson stated that the Online MBA Program would be up for discussion at the committee’s November 15 meetings. Documents related to the said Program had already been distributed to members electronically.
4. The agenda item “GIS to PSM Course unit exception” was explained to the committee by Dean Brown-Welty.

- a. The item was about allowing six (6) units of the just-approved GIS Certificate Program to be counted toward a planned but yet non-existing Master Program called PSM.
  - b. After a spirited discussion on the proposed item, and especially given the importance of the “Truth in Advertising” principle in promoting any program in a university setting, the committee stated the item would be considered if and when it receives for review an actual proposal for a new PSM degree.
5. Dean Brown-Welty updated the committee regarding the latest draft of the “Policy on Dual-listed, Co-Scheduled Courses”. She also added the document would be sent to the Council of the Deans and the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee in about two weeks.
  6. A revised copy of the “Policy on Graduate Faculty Groups for Doctoral Degree Programs” was distributed to the committee members. After further review, the members made some relatively minor editorial suggestions regarding the document and commended the work done by Dean Brown-Welty on the proposal.
  7. Members expressed concerns regarding the adverse effects that the “Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force Recommendations” may have on the campus-wide graduate programs. The committee would be updated on any new developments relative to the issue.
  8. MSC Motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, November 15 in TA 117; when the committee would review the proposed Online MBA Program along with any other related item on its agenda.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 11/1/11.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a) No meeting 11/22/2011
  - b) Interdisciplinary M.S. 11/29/2011
  - c) Policy on dual-listed, co-scheduled courses policy - Second Reading 11/29/2011
4. Online MBA Program – First Reading
5. Policy on Doctoral Faculty – Second Reading
6. Discussion of policies and procedures for developing, approving, and transferring online and stateside graduate programs.