December 4, 2007


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.


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 Balogna 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.

2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.