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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of January 11, 2006 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, Jim Moharam

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Max Poole

Staff Members Tracy Jones

Handouts: Policy chapter, financial chapter, comments from the Financial Open Forum, and graduate certificate memos.

- The meeting began at 11:30 a.m. in 243 Millican Hall. A quorum was established.
- Policy chapter.** The committee continued reviewing the policy chapter. Dr. Bishop indicated that she had updated all changes discussed at the last meeting. Additional changes that were discussed today included the following: adding information on half-time enrollments on the first page; under student status, add clarification on a probational graduate student; under the program of study, differentiate among C, D, and F grades regarding retaking courses; change independent thinking to independent learning; rework split level class area; rework the course loads area; make additional changes to the probationary status area; clarify the comprehensive experience area. Dr. Bishop shared information from Denise Young and Julia Pet-Armacost regarding feedback from SACS and their concerns regarding the 4000 level courses in our graduate programs. Moharam raised a question on the full-time enrollment section and asked if this section should actually be in the financial support area instead. Dr. Bishop will have the editor look at this and try to update some of it. Question was raised by a committee member on probationary students and if they should be allowed to register in the 2nd semester. Tracy will review the possibility of having the probationary status appear on their transcript. Tracy shared that the new GRE information that is coming out this fall will have new scoring. We will have to include this new scoring into the GREs. Dr. Bishop agreed to make all additional changes to the policy chapter which will be reviewed again next week, and the committee will decide if it is ready for a formal vote.
- Split level courses.** There was discussion held regarding instructors teaching UG and grad split courses and the requirement of separate syllabi. Dr. Bishop will work with Dr. Schell regarding wording for split level policy. Dr. Bishop will also find out about procedures on collecting documents and how to do this. The split level policy will then be run through both committees.
- Comments from the Graduate Council Financial Support Forum held on December 1.** Dr. Poole shared comments from this meeting. The group summarized that there were also some isolated concerns from the people at the forum. Comments from this meeting included: a question was asked that if we first focus on doctoral students, would there be enough money for master's students. A question was raised regarding MFA vs. MA funding; concerns about continued graduate support over time; comment was made about distribution of tuition dollars across the colleges; comments regarding UCF charging out of state tuition; comment regarding research centers and the dollars that they receive; concern on not funding half-time assistantships. Additional comments included: full tuition in summer, limitation on the time to degree, considering GAs as employees of the university, levels of stipends, protected funds, and foundation fund raising. Following this update, the committee then discussed these comments at length. Dr. Bishop asked the committee what concerns could be acted upon. The group agreed to review the financial section of the catalog at the next meeting and to make some recommendations regarding the forum feedback.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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