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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of February 15, 2006 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, Jim Moharam

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Max Poole

Handouts: Review of Financial Support document and memos on recommendations concerning financial support for graduate assistants and recommended changes in policies.

- The meeting began at 11:30 a.m. in 243 Millican Hall. A quorum was established.
- Updates and related issues.** Dr. Goodman shared that he had talked with Manoj again about the draft resolutions on the 30 graduate-hour minimum that was to go before the Steering Committee. This resolution was on the agenda for the February 9 meeting but was tabled at the meeting to allow discussions with Engineering. This item will be addressed again at the next Steering Committee meeting. The other 2 issues of the Policy Committee were not addressed at the February 9 meeting. Next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9. Nicholson shared that last week there was a meeting of the Engineering Faculty Senators. He shared draft handouts from the Policy Committee with them. The Policy Committee agreed to invite Dr. Gallagher to the next Graduate Policy and Procedures Meeting on February 22 for a discussion on Master's level of minimum course requirements.
- SACS accreditation issues.** Discussion then followed regarding SACS accreditation and Dr. Bishop shared that she will be meeting with the SACS group in April on non compliance issues. The committee discussed split level classes and the use of 4000/5000 split classes. Dr. Bishop shared that she and Dr. Poole had a meeting coming up with Engineering on February 16 and would discuss these issues further. Dr. Bishop indicated that Dr. Schell had shared feedback with her from the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee regarding split classes and flexibility. The UG Committee would like a representative from this committee to attend their meeting on March 21 (4:00 p.m., SU, 218) and discuss these issues. Dr. Goodman will check his schedule to see if he is available to attend.
- Study of Financial Support for Graduate Assistants.** The committee then moved on to the financial support document. A discussion was held on accelerated programs. Discussion followed regarding the issue of students getting master's degrees with fewer than 30 hours of master's level work. There were several suggestions for changes to this document for better clarification.
- The committee then reviewed the executive summary.** The group had several edits to this summary. There was a question on whether the split level courses should be called courses or split level classes. The group agreed on split level classes as the appropriate terminology. There was discussion on half-time assistantships and a question was raised on whether 13-hour appointments would be allowed as opposed to 10 or 20-hour appointments. The group discussed how this would work. Discussion then continued on the need to standardize these appointments to 10 or 20 hours. Dr. Bishop will add Assistantships as an agenda item to the March 1 Deans meeting for discussion. She agreed to email an updated executive summary and financial support study out to committee members.
- Action items.** Dr. Bishop agreed to do all edits on today's documents. The executive summary and the financial support document will be brought to next week's meeting for one last review. Dr. Gallagher will be invited to next week's meeting. Assistantships will be added as an agenda item to the March 1 Deans Meeting. Dr. Goodman will check his calendar for availability to attend the March 21 UPCC Meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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