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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of February 19, 2009 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, John C. Bricout, Jacquie Byers, Jim Moharam, Saleh Naser, Paul Rompf, Michael Stern

Recorder Denise Chelmsford

Staff Members Tracy Jones, Max Poole

1. Dr. Moharam, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00. The minutes were approved by voice vote.
2. Graduate Faculty Qualifications. Reviewed and updated Tracking Form. Updated the Graduate Council resolution that describes that the overall intent of this update is to clarify the original Graduate Faculty document from 2005. Made minor modifications to the document: (1) removed stipulation that graduate faculty scholars must have appointments as adjunct faculty in order to teach – the credentials of all teaching faculty are reviewed by the university's Office of Faculty Affairs; and (2) restricted the specified responsibilities of advisory committee members to those appointed to doctoral advisory committees.
3. Program Requirements. (1) The committee discussed whether it was necessary to specify a limit on the number of formal coursework hours in a program of study for a doctoral degree that may be satisfied by transfer credits. The committee agreed that a limit was not necessary; rather, this determination should be left to the program when developing the individual student's POS. Dr. Poole noted that it is possible that a student who transfers in all required formal coursework may have only grades of "S", resulting in a GPA of 0.0. This circumstance can be avoided if some pre-candidacy research credits are taken for a grade, rather than S/U. This administrative issue will be explained to program directors. (2) The removal of the residency requirement is effective immediately. The minimum formal coursework requirements will affect all new students admitted for Summer 2009 and all continuing students who fall under the 2009-2010 or later catalogs. (3) The large paragraphs listing the master's and doctoral program requirements will be bulleted.
4. Transfer policy. The committee discussed how to clarify the language describing the doctoral transfer credit policies. Dr. Stern will update this language and obtain final approval by email consent.
5. The documents were approved to be submitted to the steering committee of the Faculty Senate pending the amendments agreed upon by the committee.
6. The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

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