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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of April 16, 2009 meeting

Members Present

Patricia Bishop, John C. Bricout, Jacquie Byers, Jim Moharam, Paul Rompf, Michael Stern

Recorder

Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present

Mary Ann Feldheim

Dr. Moharam, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05. The minutes from the April 2, 2009 meeting were approved by voice vote. Dr. Moharam welcomed Dr. Feldheim.

1. Dual degree programs - The committee began discussion on dual degrees and asked Dr. Feldheim to share information regarding the programs in COHPA that she would like considered for dual degrees. In both the Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM) and the Master of Public Administration (MPA), they have several students who are taking courses for both degrees. Both programs have 27 hours of required courses, including two overlap courses. The dual degree programs that could be considered are the MNM and the MPA, and the PhD in Public Affairs combined with either the MPA or a master's in MNM. A question was raised as to how other institutions were handling similar programs. The committee had a discussion on what amount of credits could be double counted. It was suggested that a policy be included concerning the timing of entry into dual degree programs. The committee will ask Dr. Feldheim to come back in the fall and bring curriculum for MPA, MNM, and Public Affairs showing side by side comparison and develop a table to show how it is integrated. Dr. Feldheim agreed to return in the fall with tables to share with the committee and will also share models from other institutions. Discussion was then held on dual degree vs. transfer program and what the difference was between them. It was noted that SACS requires that all programs are SACS accredited and faculty and courses have to be certified. A question was raised on whether there would be a lot of dual degrees forthcoming or if these should be dealt with on a case by case basis. The committee agreed that it would be good to have guidelines in place.
2. Thesis and dissertation advisory committees – Dr. Stern reviewed the updates to this policy. Dr. Moharam asked for comments and discussion from the committee. Sami asked for clarification on #3 pt ii. This policy was then approved by voice vote.
3. Graduate certificates – A handout was distributed on the graduate certificates that included number of applications, admissions, enrollments, and graduates for each certificate for the past several years. The certificates up for review were those that were begun in 1999, 2002, and 2005. Any certificates with no activity for the last 3 years will receive a letter from the committee to consider inactivation. Others with low enrollment and very little activity were noted and the colleges will be informed of these also.
4. This meeting was the last scheduled meeting until fall. The issue of dual degrees will be picked up again in the fall. The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

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