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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of September 21, 2011 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, Linda Colding, Jim Moharam, Nicole Owens, Paul Rompf, Eladio Scharron, Gerald Smith, Michael Stern, Axel Stock

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Staff Members Max Poole

Members Present: Jim Moharam, Gerald Smith, Linda Colding, Paul Rompf (via phone), Eladio Scharron, Axel Stock, Nicole Owens, Michael Stern, Patricia Bishop

Guests: Max Poole

Recorder: Rhonda Nelson

Welcome and call to order: Dr. Jim Moharam called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Recommendation on proposed academic misconduct review process

Two committee members who could not be in attendance at the meeting had submitted comments by email, indicating concern that the flow chart was complex and cumbersome, and that this new policy required excessive administrative procedures and greatly reduced the responsibility and flexibility of faculty. Additional committee members in attendance concurred, and further discussion ensued. Dr. Poole reviewed the current model and compared it to the proposed model. The committee made several recommendations for revisions to the flow chart and the AAMR form, which will be incorporated into revised versions for review at the next meeting. The process for conveying the committee's recommendations were reviewed: the recommendations will be forwarded to Dr. Ehasz; the recommendations from both the undergraduate review committee and the Graduate Council will then go to the Faculty Senate.

Clarification of Graduate Faculty/Graduate Faculty Scholar status policy

Dr. Bishop presented an overview of the Graduate Faculty policy, the issues potentially needing language clarification, and some draft language. The committee discussed inserting additional language to allow the Graduate Dean to make exceptions to two of the criteria for Full Graduate Faculty status: (1) previous experience in serving as a member or co-chair of a thesis or dissertation advisory committee; and (2) evidence of acquiring funds, in disciplines where funding is essential, to serve as a chair of a dissertation committee. The possibility of adding a new status of honorary graduate faculty was also raised. Dr. Stern indicated that the Program Review and Awards committee reviewed these proposed changes and voted unanimously to leave the policy as written. Discussion will continue on this at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on October 12. If you have any additional issues, please send to Jim Moharam or Michael Stern.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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