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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of January 11, 2012 meeting

Members Present Jeffrey Bedwell, Jacquie Byers, Linda Colding, Juli Dixon, Steven Ebert, Jim Moharam, Paul Rompf, Eladio Scharron, Jose Sepulveda, Gerald Smith, Michael Stern, Axel Stock

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Rich Gause

Staff Members Max Poole

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. The chair shared that Dr. Patricia Bishop has retired from the university and Dr. Ross Hinkle has been named the interim Vice Provost and Dean.

Academic Misconduct Process. Dr. Moharam reported that the flow chart and form for the revised Academic Misconduct process was discussed at the last Faculty Steering Committee. The Chair of the Faculty Senate had asked the chairs of the UG and the Graduate Policy Committees meet to reconcile the committees' recommendations to the proposed process, and the reconciled documents were submitted to the Steering Committee for review. Rich Gause shared that based on the discussion of the Steering Committee, he thinks the form represents the conversation better than the flow chart (regarding the part about the chair). Rich thinks the old chart format represents the discussion better. Jose agreed. Moharam pointed out that the chart was made before the discussion. A question was asked if the chart could be changed. Moharam said that we could discuss these views with the Faculty Senate. Moharam indicated that Student Affairs have problems with plagiarism. It is not the same language in the Golden Rule. It was suggested that an example of cheating should be included. Rich indicated that they are trying to match the Golden Rule with this language. The Office of Student Conduct is meeting with the Faculty Senate at next week's meeting. Next week we can make a recommendation to make changes to the flow chart. Committee members were then invited to attend the Program Review meeting on Friday, January 13.

Discussion of Graduate Faculty/Graduate Faculty Scholar policy. The committee discussed at length the vice chair position and whether it should be optional or required. It was noted that the co-chair acts in an advisory role, not an administrative role. After several motions and votes, language in section B.3 was amended to clarify the committee experience expected to be represented on every doctoral advisory committee. The final vote approved the language requiring a vice chair if the chair lacked the requisite experience: *Full Graduate Faculty who have not served as a member of a thesis or dissertation advisory committee to completion may serve as the chair of a doctoral advisory committee, but must have a vice-chair appointed to the committee who has previously served as a member of an advisory committee to completion.* Vote: 7 yes and 3 opposed. The committee agreed that it was important to add to the policy definitions of the terms used to describe the roles faculty play in graduate education. Dr. Stern will make all of the revisions discussed today and will add in the definitions. A question was raised about removing the graduate teaching only title. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Discussion and refinement of the drafted language will be continued at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 25. Comments may be sent to Jim Moharam or Michael Stern.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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