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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting

Members Present	Jeffrey Bedwell, Jacquie Byers, Linda Colding, Juli Dixon, Steven Ebert, C. Ross Hinkle, Jim Moharam, Paul Rompf, Eladio Scharron, Jose Sepulveda, Gerald Smith, Michael Stern
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Recorder	Rhonda Nelson
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Staff Members	Max Poole, Tracy Jones
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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 a change was requested to add an explanation of requisite experience and add the final policy language to the minutes. The minutes were approved, pending the inclusion of the additional language.

Academic Misconduct Process. Dr. Moharam shared that a change had been made to the academic misconduct review process flowchart. The box for the chair will be moved to the side as the chair will sign for informational purposes only. Faculty will submit the form. The AAMR form and the flow chart will be presented to the Faculty Senate at tomorrow's meeting for information only.

Resolution. Dr. Moharam asked the committee about making a resolution to recognize Patricia Bishop for her service to the Graduate Council for the last 17 years. This received unanimous approval from the committee.

Discussion of Graduate Faculty/Graduate Faculty Scholar policy. Recommendations made at the Graduate Program Review Committee meeting that discussed this policy were shared with the Policy Committee (see minutes of the 1/13/12 meeting). The Policy Committee then discussed whether there should be sub-categories of Graduate Faculty eligible for different aspects of graduate education, and, if so, what criteria should be used to distinguish those categories. The committee asked Dr. Stern to review the current Graduate Faculty policy, including both the official policy and the operational procedures being used. After reviewing current policy, Dr. Stern then used the summary sheet to review the major changes that have already been drafted into the revised policy. The committee then continued the discussion of whether there should be sub-categories within the Graduate Faculty, and what criteria should be used to distinguish those sub-categories. The committee was polled as to whether there should be a general "Graduate Faculty" designation: the vote was 9 in favor, 1 opposed. The committee next was polled as to whether there should be a sub-category of the Graduate Faculty who were eligible to chair: the vote was unanimously in favor of there being such a sub-category. A change was proposed to remove currency in research from what is currently the Associate Graduate Faculty status, but to retain the eligibility to chair a thesis committee (but not a dissertation committee). The committee was polled on this proposal: the vote was unanimously in favor.

A new version (v8) will be drafted to reflect the decisions of the committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 8. Comments may be sent to Jim Moharam or Michael Stern.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.