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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 18, 2015 meeting

Members Present Karen Aroian, Yoon Choi, Linda Colding, Kendall Cortelyou-Ward, C. Ross Hinkle, Annette Khaled, Jim Moharam

Recorder Michele Pozdoll

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Welcome and call to order. Chair Khaled called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Requirement for students to be on campus to defend their thesis/dissertation. The committee discussed the statement on Policy for Virtual Defenses. Suggestions on new wording were discussed and Dr. Khaled made these revisions at the meeting. The committee voted on this new policy. It was unanimously approved. Attached is the final statement.

Certificate Program Policy. Committee members discussed whether awarding certificates based on hours completed was the best way to assess competency. Arguments for assessment-based competencies were made and countered that hours completed were indicators of competency. The issue was raised that students may already have required competency in some areas and would need to take unnecessary hours of courses to meet certificate requirements. Quality of assessments for competency-based certificates was also mentioned. The committee concluded that the proposed change in wording for hours was a rigorous enough indicator of competency. It was suggested that once a competency-based certificate program was sent to the Curriculum Committee, the Policy Committee would review to determine if a change in the policy of counting hours was merited. The committee then proceeded to vote on the change in wording to the current Certificate Program policy. These changes were approved by the committee by a majority of votes. One member abstained from voting.

Doctoral students enrolled in fewer than 3 hours. A brief discussion was held on this item. This item was tabled. Dr. Hinkle will obtain additional clarification from Dr. Jasinski and the Appeals Committee.

Announcements and adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. A decision will be made on whether the April 8th meeting will be needed.

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