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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 20, 2008 meeting

Members Present Jim Moharam, Paul Rompf

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Michael Stern, Max Poole

Welcome and introductions. Dr. Aaron Liberman, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Liberman pointed out that the last Faculty Senate meeting for spring was this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes. The minutes from the March 6 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Graduate Faculty Qualifications. Dr. Stern had prepared an outline of questions and next steps for the committee to consider. The list included questions to tackle and a list of policy examples from other universities. Dr. Liberman asked that Dr. Stern distribute the handout and begin the discussion. The discussion centered around the basic structure of the current document, role of the thesis/dissertation advisors and chairs, type of faculty to consider and the role of the Graduate Council and Graduate Dean. One question raised was that if a person was approved as an advisor for one program, would they be able to serve as an advisor in any program. A final decision was not reached regarding a mechanism for dealing with this issue. The committee also discussed the possibility of a Credentials Committee and how this should function and who would make final decisions on eligibility of advisors. An opinion was offered that the faculty would perceive such a committee as a centralized procedure, and not be pleased. The committee further discussed if it would be more complicated to send everything through another committee, if this would impose additional criteria, how it would affect the colleges, or if it would just be a reporting mechanism. This issue was not pursued further.

After this discussion, the group began reviewing the document for additional updates. The committee reviewed the draft through section C.4. Dr. Liberman then asked that the current draft be updated with today's changes and then be distributed to committee members for review prior to the next meeting.

Announcements and adjournment. Dr. Liberman adjourned the meeting at 10:00. The committee will continue to review graduate faculty qualifications at the next meeting.

Next meeting. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for April 3, 8:30 a.m., in MH 243.

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