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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of September 25, 2008 meeting

Members Present

Patricia Bishop, Jacquie Byers, Paul Rompf, Michael Stern

Recorder

Rhonda Nelson

1. Jim Moharam called the meeting to order and asked Michael Stern to provide a brief overview of the duties of the Policy Committee.
2. The committee then examined the list of issues that had been provided and discussed the issues in some detail to understand their urgency or importance.
3. The graduate faculty qualifications were discussed specifically because this was a hold-over item from last year. Issues still requiring clarification were more philosophical, dealing with the role of the outside member, the role of the chair of a dissertation or thesis committee, the role of a co-chair, and the inclusion of research faculty outside of academic units.
4. Melody Bowdon said that she would particularly like to discuss residency and continuous enrollment, two items that are important to doctoral programs.
5. The issues associated with curriculum were discussed in some detail. It was decided that a clarification of what was intended by independent study hours, directed research hours, thesis and dissertation hours and other "unstructured" courses would be helpful to the graduate community. The committee decided to take up this issue at the next meeting. Jana Jasinski asked if the Graduate College would provide information at the next meeting of the independent study and directed research hours being used at UCF.
6. The idea of whether a program should have a focus and goal and how the institutional assessment process relates to the requirements in the program was another issue that was identified. The assistance of a curriculum template to organize and display elements of the curriculum was also discussed.
7. Jim Moharam suggested that we take up one more complex item and one item that may go faster at each of our meetings.
8. Michael Stern suggested that we need to add a discussion of vacation policy for graduate assistants to the list because of questions we are receiving about this.
9. Jana Jasinski asked if we could please provide the committee with the current draft of the graduate faculty document from last year's deliberations ; Michael Stern said that that would be done.
10. Additional policy issues raised: dissertation hours required per term; clarification of what is "research success" - definition and importance of "S" and "U" grades.
11. Patricia Bishop gave a very short presentation of some of the goals of the Graduate College.

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