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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of February 05, 2009 meeting

Recorder Denise Chelmsford

Staff Members Tracy Jones

1. Dr. Moharam, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00. The minutes were approved by voice vote.
2. Transfer policy for graduate certificate credits. Dr. Moharam noted that the policy as currently written does not allow programs to choose to transfer less than the full component of 30 SCH for an earned master's degree within the discipline. The committee agreed that this needs to be rectified. Dr. Stern will draft appropriate language to insert. Clarification was sought for the limit of transfer hours used to fulfill a doctoral degree. The committee agreed that the limit be specified as "no more than 50% [of the doctoral degree requirements] may be transferred." The new policy was approved, pending the incorporation of the above changes.
3. Graduate Faculty. The committee agreed that: (1) the chair of a thesis or dissertation committee must have an appointment in the student's program; and (2) that existing members of the Graduate Faculty who are outside of the program are eligible to serve as members of a committee as an external member. Pending these and a number of small additional changes, the document was approved. A resolution highlighting this update to the existing Graduate Faculty document was approved for presentation to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.
4. Program requirements: The latest alterations incorporated into the Program Requirements document were approved by the committee. The committee agreed to postpone discussion on the issue of continuous thesis/dissertation research enrollment policy. The committee agreed that this portion of the policy, approved at a prior meeting, is ready to be submitted together with the transfer policy approved in item (2) above.
5. The committee approved removing the residency requirement for doctoral students.
6. The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

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