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GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of October 26, 2011 meeting

Members Present Jeffrey Bedwell, Patricia Bishop, Jacquie Byers, Linda Colding, Steven Ebert, Jim Moharam, Nicole Owens, Paul Rompf, Eladio Scharron, Gerald Smith, Michael Stern, Axel Stock

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Guests Present Barbara Ehren

Staff Members Max Poole

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 approved.

Review of updated AAMR form

Dr. Poole relayed to the committee that the Registrar's Office had ruled that it is not possible to issue an interim "N" grade while an academic misconduct case is being resolved; it is possible that another letter can be used instead. The signature statement and bulleted notes section of the form were discussed, and the committee agreed that the second item in the signature statement should be removed, and the following statement should be included as an additional bulleted note: "academic action is pending the resolution of this alleged violation." Dr. Poole shared that the UG committee had indicated that the department chair needs to be more formally involved in the academic misconduct report. The committee voted unanimously to accept the changes as amended. These recommendations will be submitted to the chair of the Faculty Senate.

Clarification of Graduate Faculty/Graduate Faculty Scholar status policy

Dr. Moharam gave an overview of the history of the development of the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Faculty Scholars policy, and indicated that 2 designations were created by the Policy Committee when this policy was last revised in Spring 2009: graduate faculty (includes full and associate graduate faculty) and graduate faculty scholars. Over the last two years, some of the faculty have come up for review as part of the university's seven-year program review cycle, one of the primary responsibilities of the Program Review Committee. In the course of these reviews, the Program Review and Awards Committee felt there was a need for a "teaching only" designation, as some of the faculty did not meet the additional qualifications required to fulfill the other responsibilities of full or associate graduate faculty members. The possibility of having 3 categories (full, associate, and teaching) was discussed. Language was drafted to allow special nominations to be made at the discretion of the Dean of the CGS, besides those that come through normal route of the graduate program committees; this would allow the nomination which would include ranked Library personnel. Revised language for the Dean's exception authority (section E.1) was drafted. Appropriate qualifications for full and associate graduate faculty and additional language revisions were also discussed. Dr. Moharam asked everyone to reread the qualifications for each category. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 9. If you have any additional issues, please send to Jim Moharam or Michael Stern.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.