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PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 25, 2009 meeting

Members Present Patricia Bishop, Patrick LiKamWa, Anne Norris, H.G. Parsa, Max Poole

Recorder Rhonda Nelson

Welcome and call to order. Dr. Stephen Sivo, chair, was not available to attend this meeting. The committee voted to have Dr. Max Poole, facilitate the meeting. A quorum was established.

Approval of the minutes. The minutes from the February 18 meeting were approved with no revisions.

Informational item. A handout was distributed on the "University-Wide Qualifications for Participation in Graduate Education" that the Graduate Policy Committee has been working on for the past several months. Dr. Poole indicated that this was still a draft of the policy. He shared that this has just been approved at the Faculty Steering Committee meeting and would be an information only item shared with the Faculty Senate at their meeting on March 26. This document will be distributed after the Faculty Senate meeting on March 26. Dr. Bishop shared the major changes of the policy. The committee reviewed the document and a question and answer session followed.

New degree proposal for MS in Real Estate. The committee began a review of the proposal. Dr. Bishop shared that the program would start in spring 2010 if approved by the BOT at their July meeting. It was also pointed out that the cohorts start in spring and courses were 12 weeks in length.

Issues of concern and suggested changes for the proposal were as follows:

- More detail was needed on the fees. Issues that need to be addressed were the break even, the cohort attrition and breakdown of expenses.
- A question was raised as to whether a market analysis or survey could be added.
- A statement should be added on how funding will be addressed. What obligation does the department have to staff this? What returns on endowment? What is rate of return on this?
- An issue of overload for the faculty should be addressed.
- A question was raised on new hires, faculty salaries, and who would pay for this.
- Draw a parallel to other night-time programs.
- A question was raised on the title and if a more appropriate title might be Real Estate and Finance.

These comments and concerns will be shared with the departmental faculty prior to the next meeting so that these issues can be addressed at the April 8 meeting. The department faculty will attend the next meeting to provide a summary of the program highlights and answer questions from the committee.

Announcements and adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting will be held April 8, 2009, 10:00, MH 327.

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