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PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of December 11, 2009 meeting

Members Present

Patricia Bishop, Debopam Chakrabarti, Paul Dombrowski, Ahmad Elshennawy, Rich Gause, Max Poole, David Ratusnik, Harry Weger

Recorder

Tara Johnson

Welcome and call to order: Dr. Paul Dombrowki called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Dr. Chakrabarti was welcomed as a new member to the committee.

Minutes from November 20, 2009 were approved

The committee started the review of the Graduate Faculty in the Health Management and Informatics Department that typically participate in the Health Services Administration (HSA) MS and some few also participate in the Public Affairs doctoral program.

The committee felt uncomfortable about recommending reappointment for Graduate Scholars without knowing if the Scholars are just participating in the teaching of courses OR will be co-chairing committees as allowed in the Graduate Faculty policy. In many cases the Scholars had credentials and knowledge in a content area sufficient to teach formal courses or supervise practicums but were lacking in the research expertise expected of advisory committee co-chairs. It was decided to revise the Graduate Faculty Nomination form so that programs nominating Scholars will also have to denote if that person could also co-chair advisory committees. The College of Graduate Studies will then compare thesis/ dissertation committee lists against the list of Scholars to assure that only those properly denoted will co-chair advisory committees.

In the meantime, the committee decided to review Scholars in the context of reappointment as "Scholars" or "Scholars-Plus". Those reappointed as "Scholars-Plus" have been found to have the research expertise to also co-chair advisory committees.

Dr. Bishop also requested that the committee offer some brief explanation should they choose not to recommend reappointment of a Graduate Faculty nominee at the level for which he/she was nominated. This would allow the College of Graduate Studies to give some guidance to the nominating program about the criteria normally expected for appointment at that level.

The committee then continued in its review of the HSA graduate faculty and recommended that all five Scholar nominees be reappointed as a "Scholars" and none be re-appointed as "Scholars-Plus".

At the next meeting, the committee will decide if the list of Graduate Faculty nominees should be divided among smaller groups of committee members thus expediting the reappointment process or should the full committee continue to review each Graduate Faculty nominee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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