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PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of January 13, 2012 meeting

Members Present

Michael Caputo, Debopam Chakrabarti, Barbara Ehren, Ahmad Elshennawy, Rich Gause, C. Ross Hinkle, Mary Little, Cheyenne Ro, Michael Stern, Harry Weger

Recorder

Tara Johnson

Guests Present

Max Poole, Tracy Jones, Christopher Blackwell, Juli Dixon, Jim Moharam

Welcome and call to order: Dr. Mary Little called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

The minutes from the December 2nd meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee. Introductions were made and members of the policy committee that were attending the meeting were recognized. Dr. Stern announced that the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice proposal will be ready for them to review at the January 27th meeting. The proposal will be sent out to the committee by Tuesday, January 17th.

Dr. Stern then introduced the graduate faculty policy modifications that the Graduate Policy Committee has been discussing. He noted three things to look at when modifying this policy: the policy should convey UCF's overall philosophy in graduate education and student mentoring; it should be academically defensible and respectful of the faculty; and it must be implementable.

The discussion was then opened to the attendees. General themes were recognized in the discussion, including three issues that came up consistently: who should be allowed to do what, definition of terms used in the policy, and the name of each role. The committee recommended that graduate faculty be eligible for three categories of service on student advisory committees: serving as a member; serving as a member or as a chair of a thesis committee; and serving as a member or as a chair of either thesis or dissertation committees. All discussion and recommendations were noted by the policy committee members and will be taken back to their meeting when discussing the modification of the graduate faculty policy.

The committee also discussed doing something to recognize Dr. Bishop for her role in graduate education. This item will be put on the January 27th agenda for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.