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PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 16, 2012 meeting

Members Present

Michael Caputo, Debopam Chakrabarti, Ahmad Elshennawy, Rich Gause, Patrick LiKamWa, Mary Little, Cheyenne Ro, Michael Stern, Harry Weger, Diane Wink

Recorder

Lindsey Gale

Dr. Little called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

The minutes from the January 27th meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee with two slight revisions. The minutes from the March 2nd meeting were approved by the committee without revision.

Dr. Stern announced that the Hospitality Management PhD program proposal, which the committee recommended move forward in November 2011, was approved by the Board of Trustees. He noted that the Board of Trustees had thanked the Program Review Committee for bringing forward such a strong proposal.

Dr. Stern also announced that the Faculty Senate approved the clarified and revised graduate faculty policy. This policy will go into effect for the Fall 2012 semester. The committee expressed interest in being involved in setting the framework for developing criteria standards for the programs to follow as they submit new graduate faculty and graduate faculty scholar nominations to the College of Graduate Studies. Mr. Gause and Dr. Ehren will draft guidelines for criteria and present them to the committee for discussion during the April 20th meeting.

The committee then began their review of the department of Mechanical, Materials & Aerospace Engineering's graduate programs. The committee began with the Aerospace MSAE program, continued with the Mechanical Engineering MSME and PhD programs, and finished with the Materials Science & Engineering MSMSE and PhD programs. Notes were taken on the committee's discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each program. The committee then made recommendations on actions that each program should take to strengthen their weaknesses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

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