

## PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 22, 2013 meeting	
Members Present	Diane Andrews, Michael Ciuchta, Alexander Cole, Barbara Ehren, Rich Gause, Patrick LiKamWa, Mary Little, Amy Reckdenwald, John Shafer, Michael Stern
Recorder	Lindsey Gale

## Welcome and call to order

Dr. Mary Little called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. As a quorum was established, the minutes from both the February 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 and February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 meetings were reviewed by the committee. The minutes for both meetings were approved without revisions.

## **Announcements**

Based on the discussion of the Innovative Thesis & Dissertation Award from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 meeting, the committee unanimously agreed that this award could be offered during the next academic year. Instead of soliciting separate nominations for this award, the committee agreed that this award may be given at the discretion of the committee to a student nominated for the Outstanding Master's Thesis or Outstanding Dissertation awards.

Dr. Stern announced that the Criminal Justice PhD proposal was approved unanimously by the university's Board of Trustees and will be presented to the state's Board of Governors in June. The Board of Trustees commented on the strength of this program's proposal.

## **Review of Graduate Programs**

Dr. Little, Dr. LiKamWa and Dr. Ehren were the primary reviewers for the committee's review of the Interactive Entertainment MS, Spanish MA and TESOL MA graduate programs. The committee discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each program. The committee then made recommendations on actions that these programs should take to strengthen their weaknesses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 from 9-11 AM in Millican Hall, Room 327.

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