MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE

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November 13, 2012

Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), C. Fry Bohlin, T. Lopez, N.P. Mahalik, R. Raeisi, P. Trueblood, T. Wein, K. Dames (student)

Members Absent: S. Brown-Welty

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 2:01 p.m. in TA #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes as amended for October 30, 2012.

2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.

3. Communications and Announcements.

1. No names have yet been put forward to serve as the representative of graduate studies on the Student Academic Petitions Committee.
2. Chair Wilson has scheduled review of the Nursing certificate for Nov. 27.
3. Chair Wilson has scheduled Psychology Program Reviews for Dec. 4.
4. Chair Wilson has scheduled Chemistry Review tentatively for Dec. 11.

4. Program discussions: History; MBA/EBMA; PSM in Water Management

1. Discussion and recommendations for History Program Review.

The committee voted to recommend the M. A. in History Program as one of Quality and Promise. We praised the department for the longevity of its program; for a well thought-out recruitment plan; and for their new public history initiative, which dovetails well with the University’s community outreach goals.

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We will strongly recommend the implementation of their SOAP plan and the development of cross-listed offerings. We place special emphasis on the need to secure the enrollment for the MA in Teaching option.

1. Discussion and recommendations for MBA/ EMBA

The committee praised the flexible schedules the program has created in response to student requirements. Their awareness of additional challenges, such as a way to break down the isolation some of their students experience, is also commendable. As a self-support program, they serve a demonstrated need in the community and at the University.

Questions remained about whether or not the Program had responded to items noted by the External Review Team, such as the completion of a set of guidelines to faculty for assessing theses and projects, and what steps were being taken to better match students and faculty, especially in the EMBA. The committee deferred voting on the business programs until it has an opportunity to review their SOAP as submitted.

1. Discussion and recommendations for PSM in Water Management

The committee voted to refer the program faculty to the Graduate Division website for forms regarding the graduate Writing requirement and the constitution of standards for a culminating Project. MSC on the first reading.

1. MSC: to adjourn at 2:55 pm

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, November 28 at 2 pm in TA 117.

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Agenda:

1.      Approval of the Minutes of 11/13/12

2.      Approval of the Agenda.

3.      Communications and Announcements.

(a) Graduate Coordinators Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 AM November 29

(b) December 4 – Program Review – Psychology (Ed.S. & M.A.)

(c) December 11 – Program Review – M. A. Chemistry

(d) To Be Scheduled: (1) New Option in Literacy, Early, Bilingual and Special Education

4. Certificate programs from Nursing:

(a) Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist;

(b) Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist

5. Continued discussion of the Business Program Reviews.