

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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Members Present: M. Wilson (Chair), C. Fry Bohlin; S. Brown-Welty; N. Mahalik; R. Raeisi; M Stevens; T. Wein; R. Yazdipour

Members Absent: P. Trueblood (excused)

Visitors: None

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

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of January 24, 2012, with amendments to correct the following two items:
  - a. item 5 as follows: “MSC to approve the proposed on-line MBA Program after its second reading during which clarifications were made and presented to the committee regarding the marketing plan and scheduling of courses”; and
  - b. Member named corrected as: R. Raeisi and C. Fry Bohlin.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as submitted, with the addition of “Establishment of Benchmarks” as item 5.
3. Communications and Announcements

Dean Brown-Welty made two announcements as follows:

- a. A new Online MA Program in Communicative Disorders would soon be sent to the committee for review and evaluation; and
- b. The committee would also receive for evaluation follow-up Program Reviews regarding Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

Relative to the Grad Research Symposium, T. Wein shared her concerns regarding lack of attendance at some of the panels and sessions. After some discussions it was stated that efforts would be made to increase attendance at all such panels and sessions in the future.

No meeting would be held on 2/21/12.

4. A 10-step flow chart prepared by Dean Brown-Welty was distributed for discussion at the meeting. After careful examination of the chart suggestions were made to further improve the document. Dean Brown-Welty would bring back to the committee's the edited version of the chart for further review and feedback.
5. Related to the added item 5, "Establishment of Benchmarks", Dean Brown-Welty distributed for discussion at the meeting a document called, "Commission Action on the Accrediting Redesign Process", dated November 3, 2011.
  - a. Clarifications were made at the start that the said document was provided as a heads-up; given the start date of the actual accreditation process is a few years down the road.
  - b. Discussions then were especially directed to item 3 in the document and the related details. After some discussion regarding the item on hand, it was stated that the issue would be revisited at some later time in the future.
6. MSC to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, February 14 in TA 117.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/7/12.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Program Review: M. S. Electrical Engineering @ 2:15.