

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

October 7, 2009

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School, GLC, Conference Room

Present: Dr. Don Leo for Dr. Richard Benson via phone, Ms. Monika Gibson for Ms. Kimberly Carlson, Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Dr. Paul Deck, Dr. Karen DePauw, Mr. Jonathan Duggins, Dr. François Elvinger, Dr. Joe Eska, Dr. Tom Grizzard via videoconference, Mr. Mark Halsey, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Dr. Thomas Martin, Ms. Michelle McLeese, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Aaron Purcell, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Nasim Sabounchi via videoconference, Dr. Cliff Shaffer, Dr. Susan Short, Dr. Kent Nakamoto for Dr. Stephen Skripak, Ms. Hannah Swiger, Ms. Catherine Tredick

Absent with Notification: Dr. Suzanne Murrmann, Dr. Eileen Hitchingham

Absent without Notification:

Visitors and Invited Guests: Dr. Rosemary Blieszner, Ms. Rebecca French, Ms. Janet Rankin, Ms. Ennis McCrery

Dr. Paul Deck, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of minutes from September 16, 2009: Approved with minor change.

The State of Graduate Education: Dr. Karen DePauw gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of past, present and future activities and goals of the graduate school. The PowerPoint will be posted in the commission's Blackboard site.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): The minutes from the September 24th meeting were approved.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations: No report. This item will not appear on future agendas unless the committee is activated.

*Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (DRSCAP): The committee continues to work on the issue of additional employment for students on assistantships and hopes to have a report by the next commission meeting. Dr. Elvinger noted that veterinary students were in a unique situation and Dr. Mallikarjunan said that the committee was aware of this.

Other Reports

*Graduate Student Assembly (GSA): Ms. McLeese reported on the activities of the GSA including the successful Graduate & Professional School Fair. Two major funding programs, The Graduate Research & Development Program and the Travel Fund Program have been up and running and will be closing in the next two weeks. The GSA is currently pairing mentors with students as part the Graduate / Undergraduate Mentoring program. The GSA issued a statement of support for Iranian students after the Iranian Student Association educated the GSA on issues facing them. The GSA anticipates other student

groups may ask for similar statements of support. The GSA will also be reviewing their operating procedures at a future meeting.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): No report.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

University Council: No report

Old Business:

Accelerated Undergraduate / Graduate Degree Program: Dr. Paul Deck reviewed the history of the program as well as more recent discussions. Members of the commission reported on the feedback from their various constituencies. The current revised proposal will appear as an agenda item for a second reading on October 21st in order for commission members to seek input from their constituencies on this altered version.

Operating procedures: Tabled.

New Business:

IALR Residency: Tabled.

MBA / DO Proposal: Tabled.

Announcements:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education