

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

January 18, 2006

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Room 206, Sandy Hall

Present: Mr. Chris Bassler, Dr. Scott Case, Dr. Ron Daniel, Dr. Kevin Davy, Dr. Karen DePauw, Ms. Pat Donovan, Dr. François Elvinger, Professor Bill Galloway, Dr. Eileen Hitchingham, Dr. Gail McMillan, Ms. Margaret Merrill, Dr. Brian Mihalik, Dr. Sue Murrmann, Dr. Jerry Niles, Dr. Tom Ollendick, Dr. Don Orth, Dr. Carolyn Rude,

Absent with Notification: Ms. Nicole James, Mr. Greg Lemmond, Mr. Osama Marsouk, Dr. Susan Short, Ms. Angie Webb, Mr. Brian Whitaker

Absent without Notification: Mr. Sumeet Bagai, Dr. John Moore

Conference call in: Dr. Barbara Allen

Invited Guests: Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, Mr. Marvin Foushee, Mr. Jamie Kalista, Ms. Sherri Turner, and Professors John Randolph, Jack Davis, and Steve Thompson from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of minutes from December 7, 2005: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): The minutes from December 8th were reviewed by Dr. Brian Mihalik and approved. GCC is currently reviewing a degree proposal from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

AP faculty / staff admissions: Dr. Susan Short forwarded (via e-mail) a sub-committee report on the progress of the AP faculty / staff admissions:

The sub-committee assigned to examine the policy on eligibility of AP faculty/staff for graduate degrees convened on Friday, January 13th. Chris Bassler, Bill Galloway, Francois Elvinger, and Susan Short reviewed current policies and developed a series of questions for graduate school personnel. The group will reconvene in early February to review responses, examine benchmark standards from peer institutions, and frame a recommendation for consideration by the Commission.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations: No report.

Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (DRSCAP): Dr. Karen DePauw reported that she and Mr. Marvin Foushee met to discuss implementation of the “I” grade. Dr. DePauw has drafted a resolution to designate “WG” as the new indicator for “withdraw graduate” on the official student transcript.

University Council: No report.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA): Mr. Kalista reported that the first meeting of the semester will be next Thursday. The GSA will focus primarily on graduate student life issues.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): Mr. Brian Whitaker forwarded (via e-mail) the following report:

Three previous cases where students were found guilty have fulfilled their penalty requirements and are now closed. There were 5 cases reported for the fall semester 2005. Two have been closed, 3 are currently under investigation. No reported cases for spring 2006 at this point. Plans to have new panelist (faculty and graduate student) training sessions the first full week of February are underway. More details will be available at the next meeting.

Dr. DePauw stated the both she and Mr. Whitaker were concerned about the number of cases that dealt with plagiarism. Dr. DePauw asked the commission to think about ways to get information to faculty members so that students will better understand plagiarism and the consequences of violations.

University Library Committee (ULC): Dr. Hitchingham reported that the committee met last week and is continuing to craft a letter about strategic planning and funding.

Old Business: Dr. John Randolph reviewed and answered questions about the proposed EDP spin-off degrees: (1) Architecture and Design and (2) Planning Governance and Globalization. The commission voted to forward the proposals to University Council.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Dr. Brian Mihalik has agreed to serve as half-time associate dean of the Graduate School as of January 17th.

Future Professoriate Global Perspectives Course: Selected graduate students will travel to Switzerland and participate in the first Future Professoriate Global Perspectives Course in May 2006. Students will visit universities in Zurich, Milano, and Lugano and meet with faculty and students in order to give a "global perspective" to their understanding of what it is like to be a faculty member.

Two new Graduate School courses, "Preparing the Future Career Professional", and "The Citizen Scholar Seminar", are being offered this spring.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School