

Graduate Curriculum & Policy Committee
Wed, September 18, 2013, 2:00pm
APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Barb Bergman, Kimberly Contag, Jackie Lewis, Russ Palma, Deb Topham
Unable to attend: Jim Kroger, Kevin Filter

Invited guests: Barry Ries, Chris Mickle, Ron Nickerson

Dean Ries reminded us of committee's Policy and Advisory responsibilities in addition to curriculum proposal review.

Dean Ries shared some ideas he hopes to implement to improve grad student experience. We again discussed problem of needing more competitive stipends. Complicating the issue, is fact that of the more than 500 graduate assistantships on campus, less than 50 are funded out of the Graduate office.

Ron Nickerson reported that the overhaul of curriculum design system (CDS) should address problem of speed. There will be other differences but most important is that it will be faster. It has taken longer than hoped to redesign the interface since fixing the problem of slow response times required coding a new backbone.

Biggest change in CDS will occur in program proposals, new proposals and those that have to go to MnSCU. Expect a large number of fields. MnSCU no longer takes paper copies. Need to collect sufficient information for MnSCU. MnSCU will want to see program learning outcomes. Didn't used to ask for them.

CDS launch date should be end of Sept. Faculty can work on saved proposals now but can't submit them for review yet. There will be 3-4 days of dark time to allow for the switchover to new interface.

GCAP rep. for CDS work group was requested. Meets alternate Tuesdays at 1:00pm.

All faculty can contact Ron Nickerson for help entering a course or program proposal within the CDS. He will be offering workshops/training sessions and but is also available to meet one on one.

Grad faculty status applications are due this week to departments. GCAP reviews after approved at college level.

Grad submeet next week. Sept 25, 2-4p, MH 215.