

Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting
Tuesday October 5, 2010
1027 Memorial Library
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

Present: Bobby Bothmann (Chair), Donna Brauer, Annelies Hagemeister, Gretchen Perbix, Claudia Pragman (Recorder), and Bob Sorensen

Absent: Jerry Robicheau

1. Agenda

The agenda and the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting were approved.

2. Announcements/Reports

- a. Bobby Bothmann will attend and represent our committee at the MnSCU Graduate Deans Council (via ITV);
- b. and the Enrollment Management Committee.
- c. Graduate faculty applications and renewals will be available for our review in the RASP Office (WA 325). Members should review the applications assigned to them and report to Bobby Bothmann by October 22, 2010.

3. Curriculum Approval

- a. CDS #1817 MFA in Art (New Program) was approved.
- b. CDS #1992 CMST 516 (Course Modification) was approved.

4. MAGS Nomination

The committee voted to nominate the following thesis from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for the MAGS Award:

Rahn, Jared J. Human reaction and response to the great New Madrid earthquakes as revealed through grounded theory. Spring 2010.

5. . Review or Craft Committee Charge

The committee would like to ask the FA Executive Committee to request a charge from each IFO committee, have them approved, and then have the charges reviewed annually.

6. New Business

a. Placement of Curriculum on the Sub Meet Agenda

Dean Flaherty would like to discuss the curriculum proposals at the end of the Sub Meet and discuss more substantive issues at the beginning of the meeting. We approved this change.

b. Focus on Issues from the Task Force Reports

i. Task Force on Graduate Education

- Identify and develop graduate programs strategically. Use the information from last year's assessment of our programs to determine how to use our limited resources effectively.
- Foster a culture of critical inquiry throughout all graduate and undergraduate programs by consulting with individual colleges for the action items needed to make this happen.
- Additional managerial and administrative support is needed to manage internal and external grants.

- ii. Thinking/ Acting Like a Doctoral Institution
Fund graduate students' professional development by providing support for conferences and seminars.
 - c. Guidelines for Graduate Course Approval
In preparation for our next meeting Donna Brauer will provide the committee members with examples of course outcomes for the various levels of courses.
 - d. Creating 3-Year Baccalaureate/5 -Year Master Programs
This topic needs clarification. Our committee would like to discuss this item at the next Sub Meet.
7. Old Business
- a. Graduate Faculty Status
The committee has questions and concerns regarding the graduate faculty categories and standards for evaluating these categories. This issue was tabled until our next meeting.
 - b. Graduate Grading Policy and Designation of Average Grade
The committee believes the underlying scales use for graduate and undergraduate grades are inherently different, but MSU's grading policy does not differentiate between them. The committee has a question about whether or not a grade of C is average or below average. The 2009-2011 graduate web bulletin and print bulletin do not agree on the definition. The committee would like an explanation of this discrepancy.