

Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty
February 22, 2007
Bradley Hall Conference Room 247
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Attendees: Drs. Robert Bolla, Kevin Finson, Jobie Skaggs, Sherri Morris, Ed Sattler, Prasad Shastry, David Zietlow, and Graduate Student Member Zuzana Gullova.

Absent: Drs. Rob Prescott, Bernie Goietein, Lori Russell-Chapin, Fisher Stolz, and Rob Rowe

Guests: Leslie Betz, Kathy Beaty, Lynne Franks, and Bonnie Price

I. Motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2007 meeting – 1st Dr. Zeitlow, 2nd Dr. Ed Sattler. Minutes Approved.

II. Addition to Agenda

III. Old Business

A. Draft Language for C's – Committee agreed to modify current C policy (see attachment). Specific catalog language will read: “A graduate student who receives grades lower than “B” for 6 or more semester hours in graduate coursework will be dismissed. Graduate students receiving grades of lower than B will be reminded of this policy.” Students will be limited to one reinstatement. Policy will be implemented beginning Fall 2007. Motion passes.

B. IP Policy – Dr. Zietlow presented revised IP policy (see attachment). Discussion regarding date of IP removal, explanation of the cause for the extension, deliverables, etc. followed. The Committee agreed to move ahead with the policy change and to address details on adapting the IP form/contract at a future meeting. Policy will be implemented beginning Fall 2007. Motion passes.

C. Application Date for Full Consideration – Students applying for admittance to the Graduate School will be given full consideration if their complete application is submitted a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of class. Applications submitted after the two week cut-off may still be reviewed by departments, however, a full consideration guarantee will not be given. Motion Approved.

D. Age of Transfer Credits – Beginning Fall of 2007, credits taken 8 years prior to graduation may not be counted for graduation. However, programs may provide special consideration for individual students. Motion Approved.

E. Age of Prerequisites – Beginning Fall of 2007, pre-requisite courses can be no older than 5 years at the time of application. However, programs will have special consideration for certifying courses older than the 5 year limit. Motion Approved.

IV. New Business

A. Spring Graduation – graduate students will be seated after faculty and will walk, by college, before the undergraduates. Beginning Spring 2007 Commencement.

B. Domestic Enrollment – Dr. Bolla reported that domestic enrollment is down 25% across the University. An Ad Hoc committee (Drs. Sherri Morris & Skaggs) will explore reasons for the decline.

C. Graduate Student Scholars – The Graduate School will attempt to fund 3 additional GRASP awards and will fund 2 Caterpillar Scholarships. The Professional Educators and MBA Scholarships will continue. Caterpillar Scholarships will double once debt from previous years is clear. The CITGO Scholarship will be reinstated once the debt is clear in 2010.

D. Research Expo – The Graduate School had concerns about selecting overall winners for this multi-disciplinary event. Therefore, beginning Spring 2007, departments and colleges will be responsible for offering awards. Medals of participation will be given to all participants.

E. North Central Accreditation – programs must begin student outcome evaluation in preparation for the next North Central visit in 2010. The Committee will begin discussions at the next meeting.

F. College Dean Review of Policy Changes – The Graduate School will forward Graduate School policy changes to College Deans for comments. The Deans will be given 10 days to submit their comments.

G. Committee Term Expirations – The following terms will end at the conclusion of Spring 2007: Drs. Dave Zietlow, Ed Sattler, and Rob Prescott. College Deans will be notified and reminded that elections must be held this semester so Committee Members will be in place by Fall 2007.

V. Adjourn – 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Dr. Jobie L. Skaggs, ECGF Secretary