

Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty
March 8, 2007
Bradley Hall Conference Room 247
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Attendees: Drs. Kevin Finson, Jobie Skaggs, Sherri Morris, Ed Sattler, Prasad Shastry, David Zietlow, Rob Prescott, Lori Russell-Chapin, Kathie Beaty, and Graduate Student Member Zuzana Gullova.

Absent: Drs. Robert Bolla, Bernie Goitein, Fisher Stolz, and Rob Rowe

Guests: Leslie Betz and Lynne Franks,

I. Motion to approve minutes from February 22, 2007 meeting – 1st Dr. Kevin Finson, 2nd Dr. Ed Sattler. Minutes Approved.

II. Addition to Agenda

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. Definition of the Full Course of Study – Discussion regarding the definition of Full Course of Study, as related to the IP Policy, was introduced by Dr. Zietlow. Concern focuses on a lack of parity between International versus Domestic Students. International Students, with an F1 status, must complete research within one-year of academic year of study. Domestic students can take up to four years. Kathie Beaty stated that a change in University Policy would be needed to modify the Definition of the Full Course of Study. Dr. Zietlow and Katie Beaty will meet with Francis Jones to discuss concerns and possible policy changes.

B. Assistantships, Fellowship,s & Academic Good Standing – Leslie Betz informed Committee Members that no specific language exists in the Graduate Catalogue defining Assistantships, Fellowships, and Academic Good Standing. Leslie will prepare language which will presented at the next ECGF meeting for a vote.

Discussion continued regarding removing assistantships for non-academic reasons. Leslie Betz will review policies and report back to the ECGF at a future meeting.

C. Diversity & Graduate Education – Dr. Finson reported that in Fall of 2006, ETE completed their NCATE review. The NCATE Review Board stated that opportunities with diverse populations were limited for ETE Graduate Students. Dr. Finson asked if a Graduate Student Colloquium, focusing on issues of diversity, would be of interest to other programs. A primary goal of the Colloquium would be to increase diversity experiences among Graduate Students, increase interaction across disciplines, and decrease Graduate Student isolation. Dr. Ed Sattler stated that if the Colloquium is not part of the curriculum, minimal participation should be expected. Dr. Skaggs suggested that Dr. Finson contact Duane Brooks from the Multicultural

Center to explore additional possibilities. Dr. Finson will email the specific NCATE language to ECGF members.

D. Campus Conversations and Strategy Plan – Dr. Shastry asked about the Graduate School’s role in the Campus Conversations and Strategy Plan. Leslie Betz stated that Dr. Bolla has been involved in the Conversations and suggested that other ECGF Members attend the Conversations.

V. Adjourn – 3:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Dr. Jobie L. Skaggs, ECGF Secretary