The meeting was called to order by President Lee Wilkins at 3:00 pm in S304 Memorial Union.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Lee Wilkins, Gail Fitzgerald, Margaret Grogan, Eileen Porter, Paul Speckman, Steve Van Doren, Kate Hertweck (Graduate Student Association), Barbara Hammer (Office of Disability Services), and Pam Benoit, Sheryl Tucker, Jana Moore and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School).


Due to a lack of quorum, no business could be voted on.

**Graduate School Report**

**National Research Council Update**

Dr. Benoit indicated that the NRC rankings will be delayed until Fall 2008 due to difficulties with the data.

**Graduate Education Week**

Dr. Benoit handed out a schedule on activities for the Mizzou Graduate Education Week 2008 that included activities sponsored by the Graduate School and other campus organizations. She indicated that fliers on Adventures in Education, an activity targeted for kindergarten through sixth grade, would be distributed to area elementary schools. Other activities for the week include workshops, Graduate School Awards reception, GPC Legislator Reception and an Open House in the Graduate School.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. Hertweck provided feedback on the Interview docs event. She also indicated that they have a speaker coming on April 18 and their Superior Graduate Achievement Award recipients have been decided and will be honored at the GSA spring banquet.

**Committee Reports**

**Awards and Fellowships**

Dr. Porter indicated that the Committee had determined the recipients for the Anderson awards. The committee will have a luncheon meeting in April to provide suggestions for work next year.

**Academic Affairs**

Dr. Grogan indicated that the group has finished all curriculum changes they currently had. Dr. Tucker indicated that several items will be coming to the Committee soon, i.e., certificate reviews, doctoral faculty criteria updates, and additional curriculum changes.

**New Business**

**Graduate Certificates**
The group discussed how to handled graduate certificate approvals. Without a quorum the group suggested that those that needed approval should be handled by electronic ballot.

Reduced Course Load Policy for Students with Disabilities

Ms. Hammer discussed a proposal regarding a reduced course-load for full-time students and reasonable accommodations for those students. Discussion followed.

Elections

Discussion was held on which Senators will need to be replaced and Dr. Speckman would be working on getting nominations. Senators to be replaced include one each from Arts and Science due to resignation, Business, Human Environment Sciences, the combined Senator for Journalism, Law & Truman School of Public Affairs and one Director of Graduate Studies representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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