Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Senate Meeting
November 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Wilkins at 3:00 pm in S203 Memorial Union.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Lee Wilkins, Ian Aberbach, Tom Dougherty, Mark Fine, Gail Fitzgerald, Margaret Grogan, James McGlew, Eileen Porter, Jan Segert, Paul Speckman, Kate Hertweck (Graduate Student Association), Frank Schmidt (Faculty Council), Pat Morton (Provost Office), and Pam Benoit, Sheryl Tucker, Jana Moore and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School).

Senators absent: Stephanie Craft, Naz Islam, Tony Lupo, Ellie Ragland, and Steve Van Doren.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2007 meeting. Motion was approved.

**Graduate School Report**

**December 2007 Graduate School Degree Recipients**

Dr. Benoit presented the tentative graduation list for the December 14, 2007 Commencement. The list includes 660 students: 162 doctoral candidates, 14 educational specialist candidates, 482 master’s candidates, and 2 students receiving certificates. A motion and second were made to approve the tentative list with the Graduate School having the right to revise the list as completion of degree requirements are certified. The motion was approved.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. Hertweck indicated that GSA is working on career and program development for graduate students for Winter/Spring semester.

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs** – Dr. Grogan indicated that one-half of the curriculum changes the Committee had received were approved. The Committee still had the remaining half to complete reviewing. The Committee also had a dual degree proposal in Master of Public Health/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The Committee could not find a policy on setting up dual degrees. Questions raised about the dual degree proposal included: if a thesis would be required for the dual degree and how the committee/s would be structured; if students would have access to the dual degrees through both the MPH and DVM degree programs; if students would need to be admitted to both degrees at the beginning of the degree programs or if students could decide to enter the other program at the completion of their first degree; which courses would count toward both degrees; what is the need for a Masters of Public Health degree after a DVM; would working on a dual degree save the students time to completion. Dr. Benoit will draft a letter addressing these concerns.

**Awards** -- Dr. Porter indicated that the Committee has completed their work on the Master Thesis Award and the Outstanding Departmental Contribution to Graduate Education was the next review they would be making.

**Old Business**

**Faculty Workload and Graduate Student Advising**
Dr. Wilkins introduced Dr. Frank Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt gave the Senate background information on what was precipitating the issues on faculty workload. He asked the Senate to check with their units to see how graduate student advising was counted in the faculty workload reports for their department. Next, Pat Morton reviewed the University of Missouri Campus Funding handout that he had put together that showed change in student FTE for Fall 1996-2006, changes in state appropriations for 1997-2007, FY2007 Missouri Appropriations per Student FTE for the state colleges/universities. He also went over the benchmark expenditure model for appropriations as it related to the UM system and the COPHE (Council of Public Higher Education)/CBHE formula. COPHE consists of Presidents, chancellors from the 13 state colleges/universities. Dr. Wilkins asked the Senate to think about what Dr. Schmidt and Mr. Morton had discussed along with the Senate discussion during their presentations.

**New Business**

**Change in Graduate Certificate Policy**

A motion and second was made to change the current policy wording related to graduate certificates from:

“Using Credit from a Certificate

- If, after completing a graduate certificate program, a student is admitted to a graduate degree program at MU, **no more than 12 hours** of graduate credit from the certificate program may be used toward the degree program.

Turning in Your Plan of Study Form

- For proposals requiring certificate participants to be graduate degree-seeking students, **up to six hours** of graduate credit used for a student’s graduate degree program may be applied to a graduate certificate.”

To:

“**All Situations**

- Up to 12 hours of graduate credit earned for graduate certificates may be applied to degree requirements for a graduate degree upon approval of the degree program.”

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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