The meeting was called to order by President Mike Urban at 3:30 p.m. in S204 Memorial Union.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Mike Urban, Ian Aberbach, Jane Bostick, Gail Fitzgerald, Jere Gilles, Gui DeSouza (for Naz Islam), Glenn Leshner, Charles Nilon, Jan Segert, Ken Shaw, Angela AuBuchon (Graduate Student Association), George Justice, Jana Moore, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Patricia Friedrichsen, Ellie Ragland, and Alan Strathman

Introductions were made by everyone attending the meeting.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of April 28, 2009 as amended. The minutes were approved. Also July 2009 tentative Graduate School Commencement list was approved.

**Graduate School Report**

Dr. Justice gave an update on Graduate School staff. He indicated that Dr. Tucker who had been working with the GFS has taken a one-year leave from the University to work with the National Science Foundation’s Division of Graduate Education as a Program Director in the Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Also Dr. Pam Benoit left during the summer to assume the Executive Vice President and Provost role at Ohio University. The Graduate School will have two Faculty Fellows this year. Dr. Lee Wilkins will be working with Preparing Future Faculty class and internal fellowships. Dr. Teresa Cooney will be managing the Office of Postdoctoral Education and working with international fellowships. He indicated that he hoped to be able to hire an Associate Dean to assist the Graduate during the year Dr. Tucker is away from campus. He also told the group that Provost Foster is very interested in graduate education on campus and the GFS, which is the faculty peer governance body on graduate education on the campus.

Dr. Justice indicated one of the issues he would like the Senate to discuss is multidisciplinary education on campus. He indicated that a half-day retreat might be an option for discussion on issues related to the topic.

**Graduate Student Association**

Ms. AuBuchon announced that GSA would have its first meeting of the semester that night. One of the items GSA wants to discuss is graduate/parent services for graduate students who have children and how to care for the children while attending classes.

**Old Business**

**Election of Vice President**
A motion and second were made to nominate Jane Bostick as the Vice President for 2009-10 year. The motion was approved.

**Finalizing Standing Committees**

With the resignation of Teresa Cooney from the GFS a new Chair needed to be elected for the Academic Affairs Committee. After discussion Glenn Leshner volunteered to assume the role as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Members presented selected which of the two Standing Committees they wished to serve on:

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Those Senators missing will need to be assigned to the Standing Committees.

**Elections of Representatives**

Dr. Urban indicated that an election was being held to fill the vacancy in the Schools of Journalism and Law and Truman School of Public Affairs. This election was not held last spring and will fill the seat that was previously held by Lee Wilkins.

Dr. Urban indicated that an election would be held to fill the vacancy in Human Environmental Sciences due to the resignation of Teresa Cooney.

**Dual Executive MHA/MS(HI) Degree Program Proposal**

Discussion was held on the Dual Executive MHA/MS(HI) Degree Program proposal that the Senate reviewed during the summer. After discussion a motion and second were made to approve the Dual Executive MHA/MS(HI) Degree Program. The motion was approved.

**By-Law Revisions**

Dr. Urban indicated that a small group would need to work on this. But at the present time he would like to table the revisions until all discussions on the composition of the Senate were completed.

**Senate Composition**

A discussion will need to be held on who are members of the graduate faculty. Currently anyone who teaches a graduate course needs to be a member of the graduate faculty. This included adjuncts, etc. who are teaching. These individuals normally do not have the same needs as faculty who serve on master’s and doctoral committees either as the chair or a committee member. To serve as the chair of a
doctoral committee, the individual must be a member of the Doctoral Faculty. The discussion on graduate faculty and relation to Senate Composition was also tabled.

**New Business**

**Faculty Marshall**

A request was made for a volunteer to serve as Faculty Marshall at the December 18, 2009 Graduate Commencement ceremony. The Marshall would lead the general faculty into the Arena and stay through the ceremony. Gail Fitzgerald volunteered.

**Upcoming Issues for the Year**

Dr. Urban suggested issues for the year

- Explore issue of consent agenda with the Graduate School for streamlining course and certificate approval processes
- Concentrate more explicitly on graduate education policy on campus. Graduate Faculty Senate does the dirty work
- Move away from new courses/old courses/mechanics of courses/certificates while maintaining oversight.
- Recently GFS meeting have not allowed time for discussions in detail
- Tackle graduate faculty status and the possibility of different categories.
- Remote participation in student defenses. Is it okay? How many must be present on campus. Does the candidate need to be present? The Chair?
- +/- Grading

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by,

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Graduate School