Graduate Council Minutes  
February 21, 2007  
Tamarack Room, Davies Center

Members Present: Phillips (Chair), Amdahl, Christian, Cox, Dempsey, Dock, Gallaher, Havholm, Pederson, Rhoades, Schick, Shaddock, Solberg, Zwygart-Stauffacher

Guests: Scheible

1. The Graduate Faculty meeting was called to order by Interim Dean Andrew Phillips at 3:03 p.m., and adjourned at 3:14 p.m. Those that were in attendance were invited to stay for the Graduate Council meeting or be dismissed.

2. Topics of discussion:
   * The U/G GPA for admission will remain at 2.75 for now. Discussion on this will wait for the participation of the GC members from the COB.
   * Continued discussion on descriptions to define and compare differences between a thesis, research paper, scholarly paper, scholarly project, and portfolio. A few programs expressed an interest in keeping all options, but no specific justification was provided. This remains a subject for confusion.
   * Dean Phillips announced that he would like to hold off with requiring students to submit their theses and research papers with ProQuest. Although he had hoped to follow the national trend toward electronic submissions, he has not found the ProQuest submission process to be user-friendly. It was suggested that we look into submitting our papers with “Minds@UW” or start our own electronic collection. We could also consider “Minds@UW” as an optional opportunity for students to submit their papers.
   * Since we will not be switching over to ProQuest at this time, Graduate Studies will continue to require students to submit two bound copies of all theses and research papers, as usual. There is still a question as to whether we should continue to require students to submit bound copies of their Research Paper. It was suggested that perhaps Graduate Studies would not need to collect two bound copies of the Research Papers for the library, but the student’s department could collect the final report and determine their own binding. Further discussion on this to come in the future.
   * We received a request from the MBA program to rearrange the graduate catalogue by College rather than by Department. There was some discussion for and against this idea, but we decided to continue this discussion at a later date. There was a motion made to discontinue printed copies of the catalogue and go electronically, but the motion was not seconded. It was also questioned as to why the graduate catalogue is only printed every other year. The cost of printing the catalogue will be investigated.
   * Dean Phillips asked that all programs discuss the topics mentioned above with their graduate faculty, and we will continue these discussions at a later GC meeting.

3. You will be soon be receiving the program review materials from the recent MEPD-Library Science and Media Education program offered within the Department of Foundations of Education. There was a request for the GC to conduct this program review in either March or May.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Amdahl  
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