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Members Present: M. Perez (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, T. Dull,
G. Kriehn, N. Mahalik, T. Skeen, R. Yazdipour,
Z. Wang, M. Wilson.

Members Absent: D. Dickerson (excused), C Barnes (Student).

Visitors: A. Hernandez, M. Shears.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Perez at 2:00 p.m. in the
University Center, Room #203.

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of 12/4/07.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None.

4. Graduate Admissions – Time Certain 2:15.

M. Shears and A. Hernandez visited the committee to discuss
issues regarding the graduate admissions process. Among the
issues discussed at the meeting were:

- a. The chair expressed his appreciation to Ms. Shears for her
willingness to work with graduate coordinators.
- b. The committee expressed its concern about the cumbersome
online admission process and stated its desire to have the
process simplified and streamlined. The current system of
accessing the scanned graduate transcripts, for example, is
inefficient and time consuming. M. Shears and A. Hernandez
agree. Andy reported that some changes to the process have
been implemented and will be available for the fall 2008
admissions.

- c. The committee expressed its concern with the quality of transcripts available through the STARS system. A discussion ensued which resulted in a consensus that a PDF system whereby all documents would be scanned into PDF files and made readily available to graduate coordinators. Shears states that they are possibly “on the brink” of such a system, but contractual concerns with the current vendor are inhibiting change.

- d. The committee also expressed concern that graduate students currently have to reapply for admission if they sit out a semester. M. Shears stated that any long term changes would have to go through the office of Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services B. Vinovrski.

MSC to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes 1/22/08.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Discussion of International Graduate Admissions.