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

Members Absent: C Barnes (Student).

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 02/05/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to change the title of agenda item #4 to "Admissions".
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a. Dean Dickerson advised the committee that the Newsletter from the Graduate Division would be disseminated this week.
  - b. Graduate Faculty Enhancement Award proposals are due this Friday, 2/15/2008.
  - c. Chair Perez announced that the Executive Committee of the Senate has approved creating a task force on Graduate Culture. They are now searching for members to serve on the task force.
  - d. The Executive Committee has placed the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) proposal on the Senate's consent calendar for a future senate meeting.
  - e. The Interdisciplinary Master's Degree Proposal for Sarah Rickerd was distributed to be discussed at a future Graduate Committee meeting.
  - f. The Program Review form the Master of Science program was distributed for review by the committee in the near future.
  - g. Chair Perez announced that the Program Review for Linguistics meeting and discussion with the department has been postponed at the request of the department.

4. Admissions.

- a. The committee discussed issues and the process for review of online application materials and recommendations. G. Kriehn distributed a mock-up of information that should be available on the main screen and sub-screens to enable faculty to assess an applicant's admissibility to their program. The committee refined the information on the screens and has asked the chair for a meeting to be set up with the appropriate Graduate Admissions personnel to discuss this request.
- b. The committee discussed recommending that the International Admissions Office translate foreign GPA scores to the US based 4.0 system.

MSC: The University Graduate Committee requests that the International Admissions Office translate all foreign GPA score percentages to a U.S. based 4.0 system, where A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0 and F = 0.0. Four passing letter grades (A, B, C, and D) should be used, even if the country in question only uses three passing letter grades (i.e., A, B, C).

5. (APM 223) Interim Standards for Continuation and Procedures for Termination of a Graduate Program-Discussion.

MSC to move Item # 5 to the next meeting.

MSC to Adjourn 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/12/2008
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Discussion on Interim Standards for Continuation and Procedures for Termination of a Graduate Program (APM 223).