

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE  
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February 3, 2009

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), K. Carey, P. English,  
S. Skelton, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: N. Mahalik (excused), S. Brown-Welty (excused),  
G. Kriehn (excused).

Visitors: Marcee Varela and Georgette Mello, Division of Graduate  
Studies

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

1. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2008.
2. Agenda: MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Dean K. Carey stated that she had started meeting with Graduate Program  
Coordinators on all issues of importance related to each program.  
Furthermore, such information sharing meetings would continue during the  
current semester.

4. Academic Disqualification and Probation Policy.

Discussions moved to the Academic Disqualification and Probation Policy.  
Georgette Mello shared with the committee Division of Graduate Studies  
concerns and frustrations regarding the subject.

- She started by discussing the existing policy, along with the GPA thresholds that trigger either Academic Probation or Academic Disqualification for a student.
- She then discussed some recent statistics relative to the issue at the meeting.
- Ms. Mello listed and discussed a number of key problems and concerns that the Division of Graduate Studies had related to both policy and policy implementation.

- Given the importance of the issues and concerns discussed, Chair Skeen asked Ms. Mello to submit a brief report on those issues and concerns to the committee for future followup and possible recommendation.

At the end, the committee thanked Ms. Georgette Mello, Ms. Marcee Varela, and all other staff at the Division of Graduate Studies for their great service and diligence on all issues related to the university's graduate programs.

MSC to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/3/2009.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a. February 17, Justin Points at 2:20 p.m. (Unconfirmed)
  - b. February 24, Tamyra Pierce at 2:20 p.m. Journalism/Mass Comm (Unconfirmed)
  - c. March 3, Stefaan Delcroix Math at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)
  - d. March 17, Thomas Attard Civil Engineering at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)
  - e. April 14, Michelle Den Beste History Certificate at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)
4. Academic Disqualification and Probation Policy.