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February 24, 2009

Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, P. English, G. Kriehn,
N. P. Mahalik, S. Skelton, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: K. Carey (excused).

Visitors: Marcee Varela and Georgette Mello, Division of Graduate Studies
Tamyra Pierce, Mass Communication & Journalism
(Graduate Coordinator)
Don Priest, Mass Communication & Journalism (Department Chair)
Vida Samiian, Arts and Humanities (Dean)

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 February 17, 2009.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

March 10, Chuck Radke, Thesis office at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)

March 17, Thomas Attard Civil Engineering at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)

March 24, Jenelle Gilbert Sports Admin Option at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)

April 14, Michelle Den Beste History Certificate at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)

April 28, Justin Points Interdisciplinary Degree at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)

4. Petition for Readmission of Disqualified Graduate Student.

Discussion ensued regarding the procedure for the "Petition for Readmission of Disqualified Graduate Student." The discussion was tabled until March 3, 2009.

5. Mass Communication & Journalism (MCJ).

Discussion occurred regarding the Program Review for Mass Communication & Journalism.

Recent Changes to Program:

Curriculum changes being implemented to improve quality of program.
Qualifying Exam will be implemented starting Fall 2009.
Increased recruiting efforts have improved graduation rates.

Concerns:

Graduate Faculty still small, but improving with new hires in previous 2 years.

Positives:

MCJ wins National awards every year for the Collegian.

MSC to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Committee is Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, Room #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 2/24/09.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Petition for Readmission of Disqualified Graduate Student.
5. Program review—Stefaan Delcroix Math at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed).
6. Discussion of Mass Communication & Journalism recommendations.
7. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointments.