

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: T. Skeen (Chair), S. Brown-Welty, K. Carey, P. English,
G. Kriehn, N.P. Mahalik, S. Skelton, Z. Wang, R. Yazdipour.

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: Stefaan Delcroix, Mathematics Department, Department Chair
Fraka Harmsen, College of Science and Mathematics, Associate Dean
Andrew Rogerson, College of Sciences and Mathematics, 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 24, 2009.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None.
4. Petition for Readmission of Disqualified Graduate Student.

Discussion continued regarding the procedure for the "Petition for Readmission of Disqualified Graduate Student." A revised form was handed out to the committee.

The procedure is meant to address students that have been disqualified and readmitted back to a program of study. If approved, the procedure will prevent a student from being automatically disqualified in subsequent semesters if sufficient progress is being made toward the degree – even if their cumulative GPA is still below 3.0.

MSC to approve the procedure with the requirement that students maintain a Term GPA of 3.5 if they are under this condition.

A memo will be sent to the Graduate Division regarding the approval of the policy.

5. Program Review – Mathematics.

Discussion occurred regarding the Program Review for Mathematics.

Recent Changes to Program:

The program has started exit interviews for graduating students and is working toward implementing assessment activities.

Concerns:

The Action Plan needs a timeline and completion dates.

A Hiring Plan needs to be submitted to the Dean of the College.

Positives:

Enrollment in the Teaching Option is increasing, and is expected to continue due to the recruitment of High School Teachers.

6. Discussion of Mass Communication & Journalism Recommendations.

MSC to approve the Mass Communication and & Journalism Master's Program as a Program of Quality and Promise. The program is commended for their progress over the past couple of years in implementing all suggestions from the review committee, their recruitment efforts, the awards being won for the Collegian, and their documentation in the Program Review.

Recommendations: Encourage greater faculty participation in the graduate program.

7. Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee Appointments.

MSC to move into Executive Session, 3:03 p.m.

MSC to move out of Executive Session, 3:06 p.m.

MSC to approve the following appointment:

Rafael Solis, Craig School of Business

MSC to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

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

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 3/3/09.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Math Program Review Recommendations - Discussion.
5. Chuck Radke at 2:20 p.m. (Confirmed)