
OTHERS PRESENT:  Karen Alarie, Michael Bustle

ABSENT:  Ken Esbenshade, Vicki Gallagher, Tim Hatcher, George Hodge, Haig Khachatoorian, Duane Larick

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting of the Administrative Board of the Graduate School.

   The minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting of the Administrative Board of the Graduate School were approved.

2. Announcements

   Dr. Willits reminded the Board that the Graduate Symposium will be held on March 10.

   Dr. Willits announced that there is a new leadership program for graduate students as part of the Preparing Future Leaders initiative.

   Dr. Willits reported the Directors of Graduate Programs & Student Service Assistants meetings will be held on March 4th and 5th in Talley and Williams Halls, respectively.

   Dr. Willits announced that the TA Awards luncheon is planned for March 4.
3. **Enrollment Update**

There was no enrollment update

4. **Update on Recent University Graduate Student Association (UGSA) Activities**

Ms Feese reported that the officer positions that had been vacated by members who could not serve out their term have now been filled. She indicated that UGSA are currently working on the nominations for the TA Awards luncheon. The UGSA are also working on securing industry judges for the Graduate Symposium. The creator of Ph.D. Comics, Jorge Cham will be speaking in Spring 2010.

Ms. Feese also reported that UGSA could potentially lose all ten seats they have in Student Government. She cited the large time constraint on graduate students and indicated that UGSA will give up the seats. Board members urged her to think about making contact with Student Government to arrange a deal where UGSA representatives have the option of speaking to Student Government when there are important matters to discuss regarding graduate student concerns. She will discuss this option with UGSA.

5. **New Programs**

Change Master of Agriculture Education to Option B

*Tabled*

Change Master of Statistics to Option B

*Approved adding Option B to the existing program*

6. **New Courses:**

MBA 530 – People Management

*Approved*

MBA 540 – Operation & Supply Chain Management

*Approved with consultation with Industrial Engineering*

MBA 550 – Management of Technology and Innovation

*Approved*

MBA 560 – Marketing Management & Strategy

*Approved*

MBA 580 – Global Strategy

*Approved*
7. Discussion Items:

e. Time Limit for Thesis Submission - OIS has asked us to consider establishing time limits for turning in the thesis/dissertation after the defense. This would apply to thesis review as well as final copy. Some international students (and perhaps PI's as well) are gaming the system by postponing thesis review by as much as a whole semester. Any rules we invoke would have to apply equally to both international and US citizens alike. We currently have no rules. See posted material.

The policy was approved as follows: 1) thesis review by the thesis editor, 2) corrections by the student, 3) final editorial approval by the thesis editor, 4) approval by the entire advisory committee, and 5) acceptance by the Graduate School.

If the final approval is denied, the student must go back to the correction stage and go through the process a second time.

Dr. Willits will report back to the board regarding the timeframe for implementation of this policy.

8. Next scheduled meeting:
March 11, 2010
10:00-12:00
Scott Hall, Room 216