

Graduate Committee Meeting
December 5, 2012 ♦ 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Martin Room (BTAC)
Minutes

Dr. Randy Pembroke called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Those present included:

Bob Boncella, Shirley Dinkel, Kim Harrison, Andrew Herbig, Martha Imparato, Mark Kaufman, Bruce Mactavish, Gordon McQuere, Randy Pembroke, *Tim Peterson, Michael Rettig, Brenda Ridgeway, Monica Scheibmeir, David Sollars, Courtney Sullivan, Kayla Waters

1. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes and was seconded. Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2012 and November 7, 2012 were approved without objection.

2. Dr. Pembroke asked Dr. Peterson to present the Graduate Council subcommittee's findings:

Dr. Peterson provided two handouts, which explained the

- Graduate Program Governance at other area institutions,
- Existing Governance and Administration as described in the Faculty Handbook and
- Current Graduate Programs Governance & Administrative Proposal.

Thoughtful questions arose and were answered, regarding the proposal. Three things needing further investigation are:

- As it regards the composition of the Graduate Council, we will need to more clearly define what "program" means. Is it the school offering graduate degrees, the programs that have graduate degrees? Are certificates graduate degrees?
- We trust the process by which each unit selects its Graduate Council representative.
- What is it that we think we are; or, are we done when work is over or do we answer (i.e., move our work) to Faculty Senate or General Faculty for final approval? What autonomy should the Graduate Council have (i.e., should council recommendations be (a) adopted, (b) forwarded to Senate for approval or (c) forwarded directly to General Faculty. Is our job like that of the Academic Affairs Committee to review, assure and recommend regarding graduate (rather than undergraduate) education?

Note: Subsequent communications with Faculty Senate on December 10, 2012 indicated their hope that at least two Graduate Committee members would be on the Faculty Senate.

3. The Capstone/Thesis subcommittee reports their findings at our next meeting, February 6, 2013.

Dr. Pembroke adjourned the Graduate Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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