

Graduate Studies Committee
January 15, 2008

Members Present: T. Akmal, A. Black, B. Boyd, C. Clayton, , W. Fassett , E. Hindman, S. Hudson, R. Hoeksel,
K. Meier, C. Munson, K. Roberts, N. Roberts, M. Tsatsomeros
Members absent J. Cummings, L. Mabry
Members Excused: M. Chahal
Graduate School Staff: S. Burkett, H. Grimes, J. Merrill
Ex officio members:
Guest: A. Hirsch, B. Servertsen, B. Swanson

Announcement Items

1. Graduate School Policies and Procedures are being rewritten and updated. The revisions will be presented at a future GSC meeting.
2. The Graduate School is hosting an IGERT grant workshop as part of the GEC recommendations.
3. State Funded RA proposals awards have been sent out. Thirty proposals were submitted and reviewed by three faculty members. Seven of the 30 were funded. The Graduate School wanted to thank everyone who submitted.
4. Interdisciplinary task force draft report by Deborah Sellon is almost finished.
5. The Graduate School has hired a new full time recruiter.
6. Professional Development grant program. The RFP is out to students. The Graduate School plans to fund 6-10 proposals written by students.

Action Items

1. Minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting were approved with corrections.
2. Table: Am St 514; No explanation of assignments on which 40% of grade is based. E. Hindman will contact for more information.
3. Approve: MSE/C E 544
4. Table: Phil 507; B. Boyd will contact department with concerns about rigor.
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6. Approve: Phil 551; with update to syllabus.
7. Table: Phil 570; This course will be sent back to the Department with the GSC course guidelines.
8. Approve: V MS 573
9. Approve: IIDP proposal for S.J.
10. After reviewing the proposal in detail, and having Dr. Barry Swanson come to address the committee, the members decided that there was no issue concerning graduate education. The graduate programs at the two institutions will remain as they already are. The proposal really concerns an administrative structure that is not related to graduate education. Thus, the committee voted to send the proposal on the next committee(s) without any recommendation, on the basis that there was nothing to approve or disapprove with respect to graduate programs.

Discussion Items

The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 3:00, Tuesday, January 29, 2008 locations: Lighty 401; Tri Cities TWEST 247; Vancouver VCLS 116; Spokane SHSB 210F Cart 2