

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2009

8:00 a.m., AD 304H

MINUTES

Present: Matt Barton, Bill Byrnes, Christine Byrnes, Nicole Funderburk, Rick Lambson, Matt Neves, Tony Pellegrini, David Rees, Bart Reynolds, David Tufte, Dominic Yeager - Graduate Student Association, and Bonny Rayburn.

Liberal Arts Education - Bill informed committee members that Dr. L. Jackson Newell & Dr. James Faulconer will be on campus Dec 10 & 11th to talk about liberal arts education. They will present in the Sterling Church Auditorium on 12/10 from 2-2:30 and on 12/11 from 10a.m-11:30.

Policy 6.51 - David Rees presented the changes his subcommittee proposed to policy 6.51 GRADUATE STUDY POLICIES. Committee members made a few minor changes and voted unanimously to have Bill Byrnes present the policy at the next Deans Council meeting.

Alignment of Graduate Programs at SUU - Bill presented a document listing the current structure and three optional alignments. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of each alignment and voted unanimously to have Bill present an edited version of option C at the next Deans Council meeting.

Graduate Tuition Waivers - Bill handed out a report he obtained from Bryant Flake, listing the projections for 2009-10 for graduate tuition waivers. Nicole Funderburk explained that the spreadsheet did not accurately report the way the funds in the graduate recruiter line were distributed. She indicated that she had supporting documents to show that the money allocated to that line had been spent even though the spreadsheet doesn't reflect that. Bill asked Nicole to send him some back up that he can review with Bryant so he can correctly report the distribution of these funds. There was a discussion regarding other graduate tuition monies available. Bill stated that he will work with Bruce Tebbs and Bryant Flake to find out what is available.

Draft of Thesis/Project Form - Bill distributed two versions of Approval Forms for Thesis. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of each version. It was decided that Lindsey Brown will make an attempt at drafting a simple form requesting the information needed by her area, and bring it to the next meeting for review.

Potential articulation of our Master's Programs with institutions offering Doctorate degree - Tony Pellegrini made a short presentation outlining his ideas about an articulated agreement between SUU and any online institution that has a doctorate program to offer an Organizational Leadership doctorate. Committee members voiced their concerns but agreed that it was worth looking at. Tony will do some more research and revisit this topic at the next meeting. Tony asked that committee members e-mail him any ideas they might have regarding this topic between now and the next meeting.

Revision to curriculum change forms - Bill passed around copies of the three new curriculum change forms that were reviewed in the December 3rd Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Bill stated that he would ultimately like to have a curriculum committee website where everything would be uploaded and the work could be done from there. For now, revising the forms is the first step. It was suggested that each form should have a list of minimal supporting documents. It was also suggested that, once the forms can be filled out and submitted online, the supporting documents be required before the entire package could be submitted. Committee members were not opposed to moving to three forms instead of two and dropping the check box mentality and seeing if there is a more direct way to get the information.

Academic Planning and Graduate programs at SUU - Bill asked how committee members wanted to have graduate studies factored into the Academic Roadmap. Right now graduate programs are not being addressed. Bill has a meeting scheduled to meet with the provost on Wednesday and he wants to specifically raise the questions about how the graduate programs fit into this roadmap. Committee members stated that the masters programs have a tremendous impact on undergraduate programs. The graduate programs enhance the undergraduate programs. The graduate school was cut last year. Maybe that should be the starting point in Bill's dialog with the provost.

Curriculum Changes - There were no curriculum change proposals submitted for this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned - Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.