

## Graduate Council Minutes

October 11, 2006

**Present:** Bluestone, Brennan, Butler, Ostlund, Reynolds, Sussman, Taylor, Devereaux, Hanson

**Absent:** Bleiler, McCartney, Siegel, Wood, Yeakley, Feyerherm, Orr Eldred

### Agenda

**Introduction of members**

**Minutes from June 14 meeting**

**Overview of Review Panel Process**

**I-F policy – Faculty Senate update**

**Petition readers for Fall 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 3:12. Members introduced themselves.

### Minutes

**Minutes from June 14, 2006, GC meeting**

- *It was moved (Butler) and seconded (Sussman) to approve the minutes as amended (correction of typos). The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Overview of Review Panel Process**

- Ostlund asked that members of review panels working on new program proposals request the two-page summary for Faculty Senate while working on the proposals with the unit, not after the proposal has been approved by GC. When the proposal comes to the full GC for review, the two-page summary should be included for review by all members.
- Hanson reminded the members that when a proposal is approved pending final revisions, the review panel needs to take the proposal back to the unit for these changes. The review panel then needs to verify that the revisions were made, then the final electronic copy needs to be submitted to Graduate Studies. Proposals will only be forwarded to Faculty Senate once this final step has taken place.

**I-F policy – Faculty Senate update**

Ostlund provided an update about the I to F policy approved by GC last year. It was soundly defeated by the Faculty Senate. Two objections were raised: one, the measure was too punitive, and two, some field projects required more than one year to finish. It was noted that such field projects should be registered as 501/601 Research or 506 Project, in which case the proposed policy would not be an issue, but this was not raised during the Faculty Senate debate. Ostlund asked if GC should attempt to resubmit this proposal to Faculty Senate. After discussion, it was decided to not resubmit it at the present, but this issue may be taken up again in the future.

**Petition readers for Fall 2006**

Brennan, Reynolds, and Sussman will read petitions for Fall term. There were questions about the petition review process and suggestions were made about how this process could be revised. After discussion, it was decided that the petition process will remain the same for the time being.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55