

The regularly scheduled Fall Graduate Faculty meeting was called to order by chairman Dick DuBroff at 3:30 pm on Monday, December 1 in the Meramec Room of the Havener Center.

The chairman announced the formation of Task Force X to identify and suggest improvements to our method of compensating graduate students, including Stipend X. Bill Schonberg, chair of the Task Force, requested that graduate faculty members send examples of horror or success stories to the Task force.

The chair mentioned that it is time to recommend the Stipend X rate to the Chancellor for 2009-10. After a general discussion, Bill Schonberg moved that an increase of 5% be recommended. The motion was seconded by Gene Doty and approved unanimously.

The list of graduate degree recipients for the December 2008 commencement was amended and the amended list was approved unanimously.

Vicki Gibbons, of the Office of Graduate Studies, stated that there is confusion between “conditional admission” and “admission with conditions.” She explained that conditional admission status allows a student who is not eligible for admission as a regular graduate student (generally because of GPA below 3.0) to be admitted conditionally. After completing 12 graduate credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, the student may change his or her status to “regular” by submitting Form 1. With conditional admission status, the student is not allowed to work. Admission with conditions indicates that the student has been admitted as a regular graduate student, but must meet certain conditions in order to continue enrollment. Conditions may vary by department. It was suggested and agreed that the term “probational admission” replace “conditional admission.” This change will be announced at a future graduate coordinators meeting and will also be incorporated into the graduate catalog.

Under New Business, Bruce McMillin stated that he had been approached by National Defense University about the possibility of developing a Memorandum of Understanding with Missouri S&T which would require that we accept 12 hours of transfer graduate credit in a joint graduate program between National Defense University and Missouri S & T. Currently, the graduate catalog allows only 9 graduate credit hours to be transferred. A special meeting of the graduate faculty may be announced at a later date to discuss this proposal.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 PM.