

Minutes of Graduate Faculty Meeting held on December 2, 2002

Agenda as announced:

- 1. Certificate program clarifications and new GRE scoring (Mariesa Crow).**
- 2. Stipend X for 2003-2004.**
- 3. Change the requirement for number of 400 level courses for PhD (Matt Insall).**

Present catalog requirement: 'It is recommended that at least 15 credit hours from the 400 series of lecture courses be included in the doctoral program.'

Proposed change 'At least 15 credit hours from the 400 series of lecture courses must be included in the doctoral program. Equivalent courses taken towards a master's degree at another university may be used to satisfy up to 9 hours of this requirement.'

- 4. Number of 400 level courses for PhD (Frank Blum).**

If item 3 passes, this becomes a moot issue.

Issue: Does the Dean have the authority to set a minimum number of 400 level courses for the PhD program in a College or is the Dean required to approve any form 6 that has been accepted by a PhD committee?

- 5. Approval of December graduates.**
- 6. Membership committee report on candidates for re-appointment to the graduate faculty (Nick Knight).**

Chairman Don Madison called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM in the Mark Twain Room, UCE.

A motion to rearrange the agenda items was passed; Item #4 will precede #3.

1. a) Mariesa Crow made a brief presentation on the new GRE format, in particular, the analytical portion. The analytical portion is now being graded using 6.0 as maximum. The Associate Deans Mariesa Crow and Nick Tsoulfanidis proposed minimum score of 3.5 and 4.0 (GRE Analytical) for their respective units. Following extensive discussion, a motion was made to set a minimum of 3.5 as a campus wide requirement. Motion failed. Each school may set their minimum requirement.

1. b) Mariesa Crow explained the need for tightening and clarifying the requirements for the "Graduate Certificate Program". The program requires at least 3 UMR courses. No GRE required for admission to UMR graduate program for those completing a Certificate Program.

2. Stipend X: Don Madison presented a table showing Stipend X increases recommended by the Graduate Faculty for the preceding years. A motion was passed to recommend that Stipend X be set at \$30,000 for 2003-04.

3. Number of 400 level courses for PhD (Frank Blum).

Present catalog requirement: 'It is recommended that at least 15 credit hours from the 400 series of lecture courses be included in the doctoral program.'

Issue: Does the Dean have the authority to set a minimum number of 400 level courses for the PhD program in a College or is the Dean required to approve any form 6 that has been accepted by a PhD committee?

A motion was made and passed to divide the question in to two; (a) First discuss whether only the Graduate Faculty has the authority to set requirements for a graduate degree program. (b) Second discuss the minimum number of hours of 400-level courses required for the PhD.

Frank Blum moved that the Graduate Faculty has the authority to set the requirements for the graduate degree program. The motion was seconded and, after extensive discussion, the motion passed.

4. Set minimum hours of 400-level courses for PhD.

The following motion was made: 'At least 15 credit hours from the 400 series of lecture courses must be included in the doctoral program. Equivalent courses taken towards a master's degree at another university may be used to satisfy up to 9 hours of this requirement.'

An amendment to the above motion was made to replace "9 hours" by "9 hours with up to 6 hours from other schools". The resolution to amend the motion failed.

The main motion also failed.

4. Approval of December graduates.

With the deletion of two names from the College of A and S (Michael Maples and Michael Corbitt), the list as circulated was approved.

6. Membership committee report on candidates for re-appointment to the graduate faculty (Nick Knight).

All names were approved.

**Respectfully submitted
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