

UBGS MINUTES

To: UBGS Members
From: Ed Inderrieden, Chair
Date: 9-4-08
Re: University Board of Graduate Studies
Approved Minutes of the **September 4, 2008** UBGS Meeting

Present: Jay Caulfield, Stephen Guastello, Robert Griffin, Kristin Haglund, Kim Halula, Gerald Harris, Ed Inderrieden, John Karkheck, Tim Melchert, Stephen Merrill, Craig Pierce, Carrie Pruhs, Albert Rivero, Margaret Steele, Bill Wiener

Excused: Tom Taft, Michael Waxman

Also Present: Melody Baker (note taker), John Pauly, Provost

The committee was called to order at 2:05 p.m. New members were introduced and the agenda was approved.

Reports:

Report from the Graduate Dean:

Health Insurance Update – a survey of all graduate students was taken last year (Dr. Wiener explained the details to the members). Peer institutions were investigated to see what is offered to their grad students for comparison. A resolution is still being worked on.

New Business:

Provost John Pauly – Vision for Graduate Studies:

Dr. Pauly joined the meeting. He had been given a list of questions ahead of time and proceeded to answer these questions, stating that graduate education is important to him. He discussed ideas for Marquette that could be improved on in the area of graduate education and research, also noting that the vision for graduate education needs to be stronger.

Dr. Pauly asked the members for any questions they had. One member expressed concern that there doesn't seem to be a lot of public knowledge about MU's excellence. The provost has expressed his desire to have a more public role to begin improving on this.

One member asked about the very well done research magazine and where it is distributed. Dr. Pauly agreed that it is important to get these out to areas where they can make an impact.

Another member asked about a vision for clinical cooperative programs. Dr. Pauly stated that there are a couple of faculty working on ideas but it is slow getting going and still being worked on. Dr. Wiener also added that he expects this to pick up steam and grow and he hopes to eventually open a technology transfer office.

Dr. Pauly was also asked about how the president and board of trustees feel about graduate programs. Dr. Pauly stated that the trustees really care about excellence for every program although they must also be business-model minded.

The point was made that MU most often compares itself to other Jesuit universities and it is felt by some that it is important for MU to compare itself against other universities.

The provost was also asked how the "vision" for the university is disseminated. Dr. Pauly explained the way he sees it being done and gave a couple of examples. He also discussed ways in which the faculty can have a voice with administration.

Before leaving, the provost stated he would gladly attend another UBGS meeting at the board's request.

Membership for 09 Academic Program Review Joint Subcommittee:

A report from the subcommittee had been sent to members ahead of time. Dr. Wiener explained how the process for reviews has worked for the past year. He also said that he feels this has been one of the most productive committees on campus.

Dr. Wiener went on to say that it is time for re-appointment of prior members or appointment of new members. Dr. Melchert described who made up the subcommittee last year, what their goals were, and what process was followed.

No one volunteered to participate in the subcommittee today so Dr. Wiener asked the members to think about it and contact him if they felt they could serve. Dr. Inderrieden asked if some of the items mentioned in the report could be put up for UBGs agenda items this year. Dr. Rivero stated it would be beneficial for the board to closely examine the report. Dr. Wiener asked Dr. Melchert to go over the report at a future meeting.

Agenda items for AY09 –

Dr. Rivero and Dr. Melchert will go over the report from the APR Joint Subcommittee

Unfinished Business:

Quality Indicators for PhD Programs:

A document was provided to the members. This document includes changes that were the result of comments and opinions by the chairs of doctoral programs and DGS's. Dr. Wiener went over some of the highlighted changes that were made and why. There was some discussion over #4 under Programs Outcomes and that it seems to be more organizational rather than outcome based. Under #6 it was discussed that quality colleges were added to universities to broaden the scope of where the students are coming from.

It was also recommended to add to #3 under University Environment, that a number of post doctoral university fellowships should be supported by the university. Dr. Karkheck added that the university support of cyber infrastructure should also be included. A motion was made to approve the change with this amendment and some editing, and seconded. There was no more discussion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Accelerated Degree Program (ADP) Proposal –

There have been many discussions about this topic, with many programs wanting to develop an Accelerated Degree Program. In some ways it is seen as "double dipping" of courses. It was pointed out that MU students are already taking a number of credit hours above the national average so allowing them to shorten the number they take won't put them below the average. Another concern is students who don't want to be in an ADP but just want to take a graduate course. If they later decide to go to grad school would the credits transfer into the grad program and would they count? Mr. Pierce answered they will, and the student would have 6 years time within which they have to use them.

There was also discussion that although a minimum and maximum would be established, the departments would have some discretion to have higher standards than what is required by the university.

It was also discussed to change the grade requirement to 3.2 from 3.5 and require a B average for each course. It was also suggested that this should be made clear that this applies to Master's only.

A motion was made to approve the amendments, and seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. This will move on to the Academic Senate.

Joint Subcommittee Report on 07-08 Program Reviews

This report was shared with the board members ahead of time and briefly discussed earlier in this meeting.

Potential Items for Next Meeting:

- Criminal Justice Administration Master's Proposal
- Criminal Justice Administration Certificate Proposal

Dr. Wiener would also like to discuss core student learning outcomes at the graduate level in preparation for the HLC review in March.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04pm.