UBGS MINUTES

To: UBGS Members
From: Jeanne Hossenlopp
Date: 3-8-12
Re: University Board of Graduate Studies
Approved Minutes of the March 8, 2012 UBGS Meeting

Excused: Margaret Bull, Jay Caulfield, Ed Fallone, Sarah Knox, Sarah Londo
Also Present: Melody Baker (note taker), Tim Melchert, Craig Pierce, Carrie Pruhs

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

Reports:
Report from the Graduate Dean
Dr. Hossenlopp announced that a graduate student has just been notified of a Fulbright award – the award will be publicized once decisions are made available on other pending applications. The assessment survey results are still coming into the graduate school.

Report from the Graduate Assistant Dean
Mr. Pierce reported that a summary of exit survey data will be completed soon. He will also run a query of INPR students (annual).

Report from the Committee Chair
Dr. Griffin reminded members that the elections for officers will need to be held before the end of the academic year.

Business:
Fr. Class described the proposal, and explained the rationale. Since this is a specialization that is already offered, no additional faculty, space, or resources are needed. The certificate is expected to generate additional revenue for the college.

Discussion followed. The board suggested that the certificate be named Non Profit Sector Administration. Due to registrar concern, and confusion for students, a policy may need to be written to address specializations and certificates that have the same name, and same classes. This will be the subject of follow-up work by UBGS, in collaboration with the registrar.

Fr. Class left the meeting and discussion continued. Proposals are normally not voted on until the month following the presentation, but due to a reasonable likelihood that there will not be time to discuss this again next month, a tight deadline to have this ready for the fall
term, and the fact that this proposal will not affect other departments, it was agreed that a vote would be held today. There were no objections and a motion was made and seconded to vote on the support of this certificate, with the recommendation to add the word Administration to the title. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Strategic planning for the future of graduate programs (in preparation for Fr. Pilarz’ visit) – Dr. Hossenlopp shared a first draft of Graduate Education at Marquette as a starting point. It was noted that previously discussed and requested data is already included in the document.

Table 1 was discussed (it does not include GSM, Law, Dental, Health professionals). Should this be taken out so that revenue does not look artificially low, or should figures for the professional programs and GSM be added? Should the unfunded discount rate be used instead?

It was recommended to mention the importance of graduate programs with community institutions; i.e., TRME/Blood Center, GE, Psych Clinic, Dental Clinic, Nursing Clinic. The impact of graduate education on the local community, and how graduate education provides prepared leaders, could also be pointed out. (Most GSM students stay in the community.) It was suggested that the Alumni Association may be able to provide figures.

It may also be useful to show how many programs in the top 50 colleges are research universities, and do have grad programs. This will illustrate the influence that graduate programs have on a university’s rank and that graduate programs such as those at MU contribute to the prestige of a university. Another suggestion was to create a revenue model that shows the indirect benefits of graduate programs (university rank, number of Ph.D.’s awarded, etc). Also noted, many graduates come from programs where no financial aid is offered. This has further been affected by the economy, and a decrease in corporate contributions.

Dr. Hossenlopp asked members to send any other ideas they think of to her by March 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.