

University Graduate and Professional Committee
2005-2006
Minutes for March 21, 2006

Members present: Marietta Bell-Scriber, Mary Cline, Nancy Hogan, Paul Kammerdiner, Elsie Lovsted, John Schmidt, Randy Vance

Previous Business:

Dr. Cullen emailed the draft graduate policy to the Deans. It was on the agenda for the meeting this morning, but the meeting was cancelled at the last minute. Marietta reports that the thesis issues for MSN have been discussed and when new faculty are hired for fall, decisions will be made. She did note in looking at other programs, many use comprehensive exams as a culminating project.

New Business:

Two issues were discussed. The first was in relation to program crossover of grades. Currently, grades from one master's program at Ferris will count in another program. This seems to be a standard practice, although certain programs only count their program's grades. Under the current SIS system, this has to be done by hand, but we are unaware if banner will be able to tabulate specific program gpas. Next, a discussion was held about the new admissions process of taking all online applications. Currently, both optometry and pharmacy have admissions collecting all requirements (transcripts, letters of recommendation) and then once completed, the file is sent to the program. Concern has been expressed from Education, CJ, and Nursing about being out of the loop and the time element. CJ asked if the link could also go to the department, but this could not be answered. John Schmidt suggested meeting with Dan Burcham to discuss these issues, particularly since there is a concern of recruitment. I will contact Dan asap to see if he can make our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 12:05 pm

Last Meeting: April 11, 2006 BISHOP 526

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hogan