

University Graduate and Professional Council
2008-2009
Minutes March 26, 2009

Members present: Nancy Hogan, Nancy Lashaway-Bokina, Doug Blakemore, David Scott, Ali Abbasabadi, Olukemi Fadayomi, Don Flickinger

Previous Business:

Graduate Assistant Policy
Ed.D.

New Business:

Don Flickinger presented an overview of the upcoming doctoral proposal (Leadership in Community and Technical Colleges). The developers had a roundtable discussion yesterday in Grand Rapids to discuss course development. Members were to develop initial course curriculum by May 30th. The degree was originally offered to MSU, but they declined as there exists an Higher Educational Leadership degree. The proposed Ed.D. is structured differently to meet the needs of those currently working in community colleges who have the desire to become top administrators. Thus, the program is flexible and will be presented in 1 credit modules to equal a 3 credit group. The current goal is to develop the first cohort by Fall, 2010. While in the developing stage, Bea Cooper is working with the group to align assessment. The focus will be on management, Human Resource issues, leadership, fundraising, etc. The task force believes this degree is timely as 75% of the current community college presidents will be retiring in the next 5 years. Lead faculty will be hired with 50% of the faculty being adjuncts. The platform is a hybrid using online and classroom learning (for several days at a time). Several concerns were raised by the council. First, although Ferris is developing graduate policy, it is primarily suited for the master's level. Policy must be addressed that not only fits this doctoral program, but also more traditional formatted programs. What will be the role of the UGPC in formulating that policy? What is the administrative structure to handle the expansion of graduate level studies? Who will it affect (i.e. union)? Concern was also expressed over the expectation of a 30 person cohort, which seemed too large for doctoral studies. The next stage is to meet with Dr. Roberta Teahen, who is leading this project.

Next meeting is April 14, 2009 at 11 am

Meeting adjourned: 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
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