

GPSEPC

Notes from February 10, 2010 Meeting

1. We started with a discussion of graduate faculty status. Chris Sindt provided some background information from the Council of Graduate Schools. The key issues are the expectations for research, the amount of teaching required (which is related to research expectations) and compensation. For Saint Mary's there are budget, college identity and workload issues, particularly within schools.

It was noted that we already have made adjustments, as noted above, in some areas. The issue is that we don't do this explicitly – so it may be time to develop criteria for SMC that reflect actual practice. One initial approach would be to revise the program review process to ask explicitly about the academic qualifications for graduate faculty, and to determine appropriate criteria that would be used in the review process. This would be a step that would not impact the budget at the moment.

2. The Committee was in consensus that graduate programs need a formal administrative spokesperson, possibly in the form of a Vice Provost for Graduate Studies. After discussing the basic issues involved, Dean and Laurie volunteered to draft a letter (to be sent to the Provost and/or the Senate) for consideration at the next GPSEPC meeting in March.

3. MATL Review.

- The Committee decided to send Kathy a copy of the notes from the January meeting for her review and correction. Kris will forward a corrected version to Kathy Perez.
- Laurie, Laura and Dean will meet informally with Kathy Perez about the Committee's questions, potentially on Wednesday, February 24.
- The focus of all discussions will be on formative suggestions. It was decided that the MATL program does need to revise its review prior to submission to the Senate, to reflect the presentation made at the January meeting. This will not be a consent agenda item, but should be "new business" for the Senate. We need to have this to the Senate by the end of the academic year.