

GPSEPC December 8th meeting recap

The GPSEPC met on December 8th from 3-5 in the faculty development conference room. Margaret Brown-Salazar, Andy Williams, Rebecca Proehl, Jerry Brunetti, and Steve Miller were in attendance. The meeting began at 4:03pm and we discussed the following issues.

1. grad course evals-- We have gathered input from SOE and Grad SOLA programs and are anxiously awaiting input from Grad Business. Andy is gathering that info and will share it with Rebecca who will forward all of the feedback to the Committee on Teaching and Scholarship who will add our input to the input already given by the UEPC before they pilot the new course evaluation form in Spring 2009.
2. proquest- the GPSEPC is ready to formally recommend to the Senate that ProQuest be required for all dissertations starting with those students who will be starting their dissertation work in January, 2009. Steve will draft our recommendation to the Senate. SOE will be meeting with members of the GPSEPC again to discuss the possibility of requiring it for all Master's theses.
3. graduate bulletin--We discussed the terminology being used in the graduate bulletin and will make a recommendation to Chris Sindt that the document be called a graduate "catalog" rather than a "bulletin". We also sought clarity about the GPSEPC role in the development of the document. It is our understanding that the ad-hoc committee formed by Chris Sindt will handle much of the writing of the graduate bulletin/catalog but the GPSEPC will also be working to draft policies (but we will be careful to avoid duplication). Also, the work completed by the ad-hoc committee will be sent to the GPSEPC for approval.
4. fast-track guidelines-- we did work on editing the fast-track guidelines but did not complete the document. Steve will continue to edit the document and present a new and improved draft at a future GPSEPC meeting.
5. discontinuation of GLS program-- We discussed a timetable and procedures for making the decisions regarding the future of the GLS program. After much deliberation it was decided that we will first request a copy of the latest program review of the GLS program. The GPSEPC will meet on 1/05/09 to discuss the PRC report on the GLS program as well as the proposal to discontinue the program. We have tentatively scheduled a meeting on 1/12/09 to meet with the provost, deans, program director, and PRC representative (3-5pm) and we also plan to hold a hearing for faculty and students who wish to express their views on the GLS program. That is tentatively scheduled for 1/12/09 from 6-8pm. We plan to meet at 1pm on 1/13/09 to vote on the proposal to discontinue the program. Finally, we discussed criteria for evaluating the fate of the program and we decided on the following: quality, centrality to the Mission, comparative advantage, demand, efficiency/effectiveness, and financial impact to the College.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51pm