

The GPSEPC met on 2/9/09 in the faculty development conference room from 3-5pm. In attendance were Steve Miller, Andy Williams, Rebecca Proehl, Jerry Brunetti, and Margaret Brown-Salazar. Jeanne Foster did not attend due to illness.

1. Letter to Academic Senate recommending discontinuance of GLS program. We have formally approved the letter that will go forward to the Academic Senate recommending discontinuance of the GLS program. This will be on the Senate agenda for the February 19th senate meeting. Steve Miller will attend the meeting as the GPSEPC representative.
2. Fast-track guidelines—We discussed the process for making changes to the fast-track guidelines. We have previously discussed making changes and agreed that the GPSEPC chair is the most appropriate substitute for the EPB chair (who used to approve fast-track proposals)
3. Procedures for discontinuance—We discussed amendments to the "Procedures for discontinuance" document passed by the Senate in November 2008. Amendments included a) getting the GPSEPC/UEPC the decision to SUSPEND a program and b) including set criteria for discontinuance. During the next week, we will be amending the language to reflect these additions via email and hopefully propose these changes to the senate for their meeting on 2/19/09.
4. Graduate Handbook update/ad hoc committee info—We briefly discussed the need for this ad hoc committee to continue to work on the handbook. Chris Sindt will provide updates every Monday and the GPSEPC will look at (and discuss) the latest updates before each meeting for formal approval.
5. Proquest update and formal recommendation to senate—While we agree that we are ready to recommend that Proquest be used for all doctoral dissertations it is the case the this is currently in practice with the EdD program. We are waiting for SOE to discuss using Proquest for master's theses and projects. We will continue to discuss this in our next meeting. Our goal is to make a formal recommendation to the Senate for Proquest to be used for all master's theses and doctoral dissertations... and to do so by the end of the semester, if not sooner.
6. We also discussed the need to update the PRC guidelines to reflect the importance of financial contributions of grad programs. Steve Miller will meet with the PRC chair and Dean Murray to discuss these changes and also to make sure that all procedures are followed AFTER each program review has been submitted. Along these lines, we discussed the GPSEPC receiving a report from PRC after each grad program review has been completed. Steve will follow up and report on the progress of these issues at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 because of hunger...

