

Graduate Programs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 12:00 pm  
Location: J-101

Attendance:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Graduate Program</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Shariar Makarechi	Cnst Mgt	*	Jeff Ray	Dean, ETM
Sandra Vasa-Sideris	Bus Admin	*	Alan Gabrielli	Dean, A&S
Patrick Bobbie	CS	*	Nikki Palamiotis	Dir, Grad Studies
not present	ECET	*	Zvi Szafran	VPAA
Carol Barnum	IDC (ETCMA)	*	Tom Currin	Div of Engr
Svetlana Peltsverge	IT	*	<b>Guest</b>	
Mary McShane Vaughn	QA	*	Lydia Niemczyk	Registrar
Renee Butler (chair)	SE	*	Venu Dasigi	CSWE
not present	SWE	*	Ronny Richardson	Bus Admin
		*	Gouranga Banik	Cnst Mgt

1. A quorum was present and Renee Butler called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. New Business
  - a. The proposal to change MBA admission requirements passed (unanimous vote).
  - b. The proposal for MS in Management to MBA bridge program passed with the following revisions (unanimous vote):
    1. All courses in the MS to MBA bridge must be taken at SPSU.
    2. Students must meet the University's requirement for age of credits.

Note: Support for the proposal is contingent upon meeting SACS policy.
  - c. The Student Petition from J. Denalski, SYE, passed (unanimous vote).
4. Discussion

Graduate Faculty Status and faculty workload were discussed. It was noted that SPSU needs to have a policy in place to meet Board of Regents policy. The VPAA explained the use of a 15-hour versus 18-hour model to count teaching, research, and service. Concerns were expressed about the uncertain wording in offer letters to new faculty who are hired with increased research expectations. In addition, concerns were raised about

the expectation of enhanced research, which may take time to develop, yet reapplication process for research time is annual.

VPAA Zvi Szafran responded to concerns expressed and indicated that the draft document would be changed to include language stating that graduate faculty would have an expectation of a 3-3 course load

5. The following items will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for March 17:
  1. Summer student course loads
  2. Grade forgiveness for graduate students
6. The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.