

**University Wide Graduate Committee
Minutes
September 8, 2009**

PRESENT: Matt Baumer, Linwu Gu, Margaret Hammond, Vida Irani, Joann Janosko, Yu-Ju Kuo, DeAnna Laverick, James Lenze, Tim Mack, Jamie Martin, Scott Moore, Linda Norris, David Piper, J.B. Smith, Laura Strong, Dave Tiscione, Dawn Woodland

NOT PRESENT: Valerie Gunter

Dr. Piper called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

On a Tiscione/Norris motion the agenda was **APPROVED** as submitted.

On a Moore/Martin motion the September 1, 2009 minutes were **APPROVED** as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Piper had no announcements.

Dr. Baumer had no announcements.

In Dr. Lenze distributed the following:

1. International Applicants – Test Requirement, IELTS second acceptable test and lower TOEFL score
2. Dissertation/MFA Credit/Extended Credit Registration policy

Dr. Lenze formally announced that he will be leaving the position of dean's associate in December; he recommends that someone from the committee, current or former member, should consider applying for the position.

Dr. Mack read from his message that he sent out to everyone about his core values for the School of Graduate Studies and Research. He asked how many have seen the email that was sent from the Chancellor to the students; the response was that only the students had seen this message. The email referred to review of both undergraduate and graduate programs. Dr. Mack stated that his role is to help graduate programs grow and that he would like to help any programs that might need to increase their enrollment.

Dr. Mack indicated that the School of Graduate Studies and Research does not have standard/mandatory electronic thesis/dissertations requirement which would be normal at many other universities. He distributed the statistics for current students indicating that most are submitting an electronic thesis or dissertation now. This is especially true for dissertations. Dr. Mack asked the Committee to consider making at least electronic dissertations mandatory, and perhaps also thesis.

Dr. Mack indicated that he received a letter from the Eberly College of Business stating we should consider more stringent guidelines for graduate faculty. He asked if it might be possible for colleges to have more stringent guidelines for graduate faculty than the university, and also

asked the committee to consider this. He indicated that we should respond to the Eberly College of Business in some way.

Dr. Mack says that the Provost's Academic Strategic Planning process involve many of us on campus this fall, and it would be good for the Committee to be involved in this. He suggested that one way to do so would be for Committee members to be on some of the working groups to be formed this fall. This would guarantee that the views of the Committee would be heard.

Another issue that Dr. Mack would like to resolve is a mission statement for graduate education and research; the last mission statement he could find was done in 2002. He would like to form a committee and would like to have committee members join the committee or have some input into the development of a new mission statement.

Dr. Mack wants some input on revamping the website for the School of Graduate Studies and Research. He would like to put a committee together for this and if anyone is interested in being on the committee just send him an email.

NEW BUSINESS:

Business in Progress:

A) Programs/Curricular Matters

1. ***M.S. in Biology-Accelerated Track***, assigned to subcommittee #2 (Jim Lenze, Scott Moore, Dawn Woodland, Susan Boser, Sean Gess) – 9/4/07; no discussion – 9/18/07; little discussion due to lack of time, will continue at the next meeting – 9/25/07; Carl Luciano, department chair, attended the meeting; there was much discussion but due to time constraint this will be continued at the next meeting – 10/2/07; after some discussion with many concerns about the program a memo will be sent to the proposer – 10/16/07; no discussion – 10/23/07, 10/30/07, 11/13/07, 11/29/07, 1/15/08, 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08, 4/4/08, 4/15/08, 8/26/08, 9/2/08, 9/16/08, 9/23/08, 9/30/08, 10/14/08, 10/21/08, 10/28/08, 11/11/08, 11/18/08, 1/13/09, 2/3/09, 2/10/09, 3/10/09; proposer mentioned to Dr. Baumer that he is making the changes requested and will be getting it back to the committee before the end of this semester – 3/17/09; received response from the proposer; this was assigned to subcommittee #1 (Margaret Hammond, Mary Jane Hirt, Vida Irani, Joann Janosko, DeAnna Laverick, J.B. Smith, Nashat Zuraikat) – 3/31/09; no discussion – 4/7/09; after much discussion the subcommittee wanted more clarification from proposer – 4/14/09, no discussion – 9/1/09
2. ***EDSP 975 Supervision of Pupil Services (new course)***, assigned to subcommittee #2 (Jamie Martin, Scott Moore, Linda Norris, David Tiscione, Laura Strong, Dawn Woodland, Yu-Ju Kuo) – 9/1/09; after some discussion the co-chair will send memo to proposer with suggested changes – 9/8/09
3. ***Minor Program Revision – Ph.D. Program in Administration and Leadership Studies, Nonprofit and Public Sectors:***
 - SOC 803 Contemporary Social and Organization Theories (major course revision)
 - SOC 802 Classical Social and Organizational Theory (new course)
 - LDRS 900 Dissertation Seminar (new course)assigned to subcommittee #1 (Margaret Hammond, Vida Irani, Joann Janosko, DeAnna Laverick, J.B. Smith, Linwu Gu, Valerie Gunter) – 9/1/09; no discussion – 9/8/09

4. ***ECON 634 Managerial Economics (distance education)***, assigned to all to read – 9/1/09; after some discussion on a Moore/Tiscione motion this was passed unanimously with one exception that David Yerger’s name be taken off – 9/8/09 - **APPROVED**

Business in Progress:

B) Policy Issues

1. ***Continuous Registration Policy***, Dean Myers explained a couple of different ideas for this policy; he asked the committee members to bring back thoughts and feedback from their departments – 11/11/08; no discussion – 11/18/08, 1/13/09; Dean Myers said he is going to take this to the dean’s council and see what their thoughts are – 2/3/09; no discussion – 2/10/09, 3/10/09, 3/17/09, 3/31/09, 4/7/09, 4/14/09, 9/1/09; Dissertation/MRA Credit/Extended Credit Registration Policy distributed – 9/8/09
2. ***Academic Integrity Policy***, Dean’s Associate is to look at IUP’s peer institutes and sister institutes to see how their policy reads – 9/23/08; no discussion – 9/30/08; draft handed out and after much discussion it was decided that with a suggestion for a minor change of the time limitation from ten days to ninety days that there should be a new policy written for thesis/dissertation problems – 10/14/08; no discussion – 10/21/08, 10/28/08, 11/11/08, 11/18/08, 1/13/09; Dean Myers discussed the Model Policy for PASSHE Universities for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct that he had sent to the Dean’s Associate, Jim Lenze; he asked that Jim send this to the committee for discussion – 2/3/09; policy was sent to committee members and there was some discussion about the policy; Dean Myers will be meeting with the provost and Helen Kennedy on Friday, February 13, 2009 – 2/10/09; Dr. Myers announced that the provost was to meet with Peter Broad and the Research Committee to have them review the Research Misconduct Policy – 3/10/09; working on a paragraph to add to the Academic Integrity Policy – 3/17/09; Dr. Baumer wrote a paragraph to add to the Academic Integrity Policy; after some discussion this will be looked at in the future – 3/31/09; no discussion – 4/7/09, 4/14/09, 9/1/09, 9/8/09
3. ***Handbook***, New Chapter – Online (Distance) Graduate Programs; lengthy discussion; LaPorte will put all the suggestions together and have another draft for the committee in the near future – 1/15/08; no discussion – 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08; LaPorte will have the draft ready so that it may be sent to Senate as information only – 4/8/08; draft was sent to everyone via email but no time for discussion; the draft will be sent to Senate on 4/22/08 as information only – 4/15/08; no discussion – 8/26/08, 9/2/08, 9/16/08, 9/23/08, 9/30/08, 10/14/08; Dr. Lenze is on the distance education committee and reported that the committee is moving ahead; he recommended that the committee look at the document that Dr. LaPorte drafted and discuss it – 10/21/08; Dr. LaPorte’s draft was put on the ‘x’ drive; some hard copies were passed out; did not get to discussion of this report – 10/28/08; much discussion; the co-chairs will approach the Center for Teaching Learning and the Office of Distance Learning and Continuing Education about their feelings on certification of faculty to teach distance education courses – 11/11/08; no discussion – 11/18/08, 1/13/09, 2/3/09, 2/10/09, 3/10/09, 3/17/09, 3/31/09, 4/7/09, 4/14/09, 9/1/09, 9/8/09
4. ***Graduate Distance Education Review Form***, Co-chairs will set up a meeting with Rob and John Henry about the Graduate Distance Education Review Form – 11/23/04; no

discussion – 11/30/04, 12/14/04; there has been and will be more discussions with John Henry about this form – 1/18/05; some discussion – 1/25/05; no discussion – 2/8/05, 2/15/05, 2/22/05, 3/15/05; David Chambers will modify the form and bring back to the committee, then take to APSCUF – 3/22/05; no discussion – 4/5/05, 4/12/05, 4/19/05, 9/20/05, 9/27/05, 10/11/05; brief discussion – 10/18/05; no discussion 11/18/05; lengthy discussion – 11/15/05; brief discussion – 11/22/05; no discussion – 11/29/05, 1/24/06, 2/7/06, 2/14/06, 2/21/06, 3/7/06, 3/21/06, 4/4/06, 4/11/06, 4/18/06, 4/25/06, 8/29/06, 9/5/06, 9/19/06, 9/26/06; announcement from Michael T. Williamson that Senate may approve that the Academic Committee take on some of the UWGC’s policy issues and this would be one of them – 10/3/06; it was decided unanimously to keep this policy here with the UWGC – 10/10/06; no discussion – 10/17/06, 10/31/06; lengthy discussion with many suggestions; will be discussed more at the next meeting – 11/14/06; revisions to the procedure for submitting distance education proposals and the form for distance education proposals were distributed for discussion at the next meeting – 11/21/06; lengthy discussion; there were several suggestions to be added to the draft for discussion at the next meeting – 11/28/06; no discussion – 1/23/07; new form and procedures were sent to the committee via email; no discussion – 2/6/07; after some discussion and suggestions for minor changes a new draft will be brought back to the committee – 2/20/07; no discussion – 3/6/07, 3/20/07, 4/3/07; on a Woodland/Lenze motion to discuss the revised handout from Michael T. Williamson there were several changes suggested; the discussion will continue at the next meeting – 4/10/07; some discussion with more suggestions for the “procedures to review an existing course for distance education delivery”; Mark Staszkiwicz to forward these changes to Michael for revision – 4/17/07; no discussion – 4/24/07, 8/28/07, 9/4/07, 9/18/07, 9/25/07, 10/2/07, 10/16/07, 10/23/07; lengthy discussion – 10/30/07; no discussion – 11/13/07, 1/15/08, 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08, 4/8/08, 4/15/08, 8/26/08, 9/2/08, 9/16/08, 9/23/08, 9/30/08, 10/14/08, 10/21/08, 10/28/08, 11/11/08, 11/18/08, 1/13/09, there is talk about forming a subcommittee from the UWUC and the UWGC, four or five people from each committee; volunteers were asked for to be part of this subcommittee; Dawn Woodland, Scott Moore, Jamie Martin, Jim Lenze and the two co-chairs volunteered- 2/3/09; there will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 immediately following the UWGC meeting – 2/10/09; no discussion – 3/10/09, 3/17/09, 3/31/09, 4/7/09, 4/14/09, 9/1/09, 9/8/09

5. *International Applicants – Test Requirements*, distributed – 9/8/09

1. IELTS be included as second acceptable test for international students
2. TOEFL minimum acceptable score be increased to 540 (the dean is acquiring figures for current students having a score of 500-540 and how they are doing; he will share this information with the committee)

Inactive Items:

1. ***GEOG 525 Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Concepts and Techniques (new course)***, assigned to subcommittee #2 (Jim Lenze, Scott Moore, DawnWoodland, Susan Boser, Sean Gess) – 9/18/07; no discussion – 9/25/07, 10/2/07, 10/16/07; after some discussion a memo will be sent to the proposer with suggested changes – 10/23/07; no discussion – 10/30/07, 11/13/07, 11/29/07, 1/15/08, 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08, 4/8/08, 4/15/08, 8/26/08, 9/2/08, 9/16/08, 9/23/08, 9/30/08, 10/14/08, 10/21/08, 10/28/08, 11/11/08, 11/18/08, 1/13/09, 2/3/09, 2/10/09, 3/10/09, 3/17/09, 3/31/09, 4/7/09, 4/14/09, 9/1/09, 9/8/09

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.