College of Business, Graduate Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2011


Guest: S. Mills

Excused: P. Benson, Dean K. Brook (ex-officio)

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 in room 246 of the Business Complex.

Minutes from the meeting of February 23, were approved.

II. Discussion

• We are still working toward Building Better Critical Thinking - A “Closing the Loop” Interactive Workshop which has been re-scheduled to April 1st, 2011 in BC 204. Sherry Mills presented a Facilitator Guidelines and a Participant’s Packet which contains seven handouts (H1-7), an exhibit from her ACCT 503 class and a rubric comprised of Steps for Better Thinking Competency. An agenda has been set down to structure the workshop.

• The workshop participants will agree to target the level of complexity for students in regard to Critical Thinking (CT). Another question arose whether to debrief at the end or pace – see H2 & H3 to determine which is best. Reference was made to H3 Step 1 in which you ID relevant information, would we be happy if level 1 is achieved? H3 consists of Steps for Better Thinking Competency Rubric it was suggested to work toward Performance Pattern 3 to column level 2. H4 helps with the construction of questions. Our workshop will try to help faculty write questions at a level of CT they want students to use in their class.

• The workshop will use debriefing questions (see p. 3 of Facilitators Guide). GC voted on option 2.

• The getting together of all MBA faculty has never been done before which should create a “unifying feeling”.

• In the Participant Packet Sherry Mills will present information on H1 & H2 to the group; they will break into groups; H3 is the Performance level your students are at; and H4 in Performance you develop skills as columns.

• The GC questioned if the length of this W/S is long enough considering we are providing lunch? We may have to adjust the W/S considering the expectations. What can we achieve in two hours? We may start w/ one assignment and one step to be at.

• In H3 a change was made to use skills as columns, move last column to first column. It was suggested that faculty read H5b “Improving Critical thinking Skills” before they come to the W/S.

• Consider questions for GC to develop, new email to inform faculty of W/S new date – as closer to W/S have each faculty follow up w/ & ask for RSVP.

• An item regarding changes to BCIS 560 description and prerequisite(s) of a C or better in ACCT 351 or BCIS 502 or consent of instructor was passed unanimously by the GC.

• Items regarding changes to FIN 521 (Prereq.: FIN 503 or FIN 341, or consent of instructor); FIN 535; (Prereq.: FIN 355 or FIN 503); FIN 536 (Prereq.: FIN 435 or FIN 535); FIN 575 (Prereq.: FIN 503 or FIN 341); and FIN 581 (Prereq.: FIN 385 or FIN 503) were passed unanimously by the GC.

III Adjournment

The meeting adjourned meeting at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday March 16th, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. in the Business Complex room 246.

Minutes submitted by: John Shonk, Secretary