College of Business, Graduate Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2010


I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in room 246 of the Business Complex.

Minutes from October 13, 2010 were read and approved as submitted.

II. Discussion

- Motion passed unanimously as presented by Tom McGuckin of the Department of Economics to be included in the Graduate Catalog which will state that in order for MBA students to be enrolled in ECON 503 they are required to have a prerequisite of ST 251 or 311 or equivalent with B or better.

- Other issues which required clarification and direction from the Graduate Committee were those regarding the admission criteria to the MBA program at NMSU. These MBA admission requirements were voted on by the faculty during the COB Convocation on 8/16/2010 and are reflected in the minutes of that meeting. These issues were brought to the attention of the Graduate Committee by Dean Kathy Brook and Rick Adkisson, Department Head of Economics.

- The following three changes were proposed and the motions passed unanimously:
  - The first issue dealt with the four ways a student could be admitted to the MBA program – these are not 4 options as interpreted by CEC but four alternative criteria for a student’s admission. Students who are admitted with the GMAT need to score a minimum of 400. It was agreed by the Graduate Committee that the GPA greater than or equal to 3.5 is “interpreted as either a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher or a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the last 60 credits.” In the subpart 1a. clarification on a technical question was called for on “AACSB or ACBSP accreditation” or in regional accreditation by bodies such as North Central and the Higher Learning Commission. How do we measure “reputable schools”? This may exclude such schools as NM Tech which although recognized as a good school may lack a designation as a AACSB or ACBSP school. It was decided that the accreditation component be left in the wording as it stands. If schools lack this accreditation the student’s application will be decided upon on an individual basis.
  - The second issue is directed at whether the GRE is acceptable as a test for admission to the MBA program. The GRE is acceptable as a GMAT replacement with the wording to be added to this “with the GRE with an ETS converter.”
  - The third issue in criterion four addressing work experience is that the “GPA greater than or equal to 3.25” have added to it “from an accredited school.”

- Students testing out of prerequisites in the Body of Knowledge will only be allowed to take a departmental mastery test once not multiple times. These tests will be given only twice a year. Departments within the COB will approve their own departmental mastery test or can farm out the challenge test by requiring students to take a CLEP or similar exam.
The Graduate Committee decided that students who are satisfying background knowledge deficiencies must complete this requirement within one calendar year of being admitted or they can no longer continue in the MBA program. Students will not have to demonstrate all background knowledge, either by test or coursework, before they begin taking any MBA courses.

III. **Adjournment**

Tom McGuckin adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday November 10th, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Business Complex room 246.

Minutes submitted by: John Shonk, Secretary