Minutes of Graduate Committee - September 15, 2009

Present: P. Benson, M. de Boyrie, G. Hampton, S. Mills, Dean K. Brook (ex-officio)
Absent: T. McGuckin
Guest: C. Seipel (Chair Admission sub-committee), B. Daily

The meeting was called to order and the agenda was approved as amended

The committee members reviewed and revised the Policy on Transfer Credits for the MBA program as amended by the chair of departments and presented by Dean K. Brook. The new policy will read as follows:

“Up to 9 credits of transfer work can be applied to meeting the requirements of the MBA program if that work is from a program accredited by AACSB International. To be eligible for transfer credit, the students must have earned a least a B in the course(s). BA 590 and MGT 590 must be completed at NMSU.”

Suggested changes to the CoB Bylaws were made. The proposal, which will be submitted to the Budget, Bylaws and Policy Committee, reads as follows:

“Section 4 Graduate Committee

1. The Graduate Committee shall consist of one graduate faculty member from each department in the college and one MBA student nominated and elected by peers. An Associate Dean will serve as ex-officio member. Other members may be appointed as ex-officio members as desired.”

The proposal to eliminate the IB specialization in the MBA program was considered. The motion passed 4 to 1 with the understanding that a new specialization can be proposed at a later date.

In the area of assessment the following was discussed:

1. B. Daily will poll the faculty members that teach MGT 503 to determine to what extent ethics is covered in the course and to determine their willingness to cover ethics if it is not being done already.
2. P. Benson and S. Mills will get together to work on an ethics assignment that can be used in MGT 503.
3. The idea of teaching the difference between Law and Ethics in BLAW 502 was mentioned. M. de Boyrie will discuss this idea with the faculty members teaching this course.
4. The idea of assessing Academic Ethics was discussed. The idea is that the ethical behavior of students in the program should be assessed as well as their understanding of ethics in the business world.
5. The committee members approved the traits that will serve as performance criteria in the creation of the Ethics Rubric by the AOL committee.
6. The members are to review the NMSU College of Business MBA program Assessment Report and bring comments to the next meeting.

As per Dean Brook’s request the committee members discussed who should be in charge of approving independent studies and special topics in the MBA program. It was the consensus that the head of each department should make such decisions.

The results of an electronic vote of the committee to delete BCIS 572, BCIS 573 and BCIS 574 were reiterated. As per the request of the BIS department these three courses were approved for deletion from the catalog.

In the next meeting the member of the Graduate Committee will review the proposed changes made by the MBA Admission sub-committee to the admissions criteria.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 22 at 1:30 pm in the BC Faculty Lounge.