Minutes of Graduate Committee Meeting of January 30, 2007
Present: Hari, Rick, Phil, Kathy, Kevin, Bobbie and Michelle

The committee discussed whether BA 500 was going to be a permanent prerequisite for the MBA program only for WSMR or for all students. It was decided that this course should be permanent. It should be made available to the future cohorts and should neither be used as an elective nor as a substitute for GMAT. Some of the committee members were concerned with the issue of grading BA 500 since it is taught by two different professors. The committee concerns with the grading issue arise from the fact that there is a B or better requirement for the former two prerequisite courses that this course replaces. The committee decided to leave the grading issue up to the course instructors.

After a long discussion, the committee agreed that the college should not change the WSMR agreement during renegotiation for the new cohort starting Spring 2008. Some committee members believed the GMAT requirement should be enforced for ALL students including WSMR students. The fact that WSMR students are doing well in the program, however, could make this issue hard to justify.

Next, ECON 503 prerequisites for non-MBA graduate students were discussed. Some committee members believed that statistics and calculus should be required to enter the course. Rick agreed to discuss this issue with his department to get some feedback. The committee received some information from Rick and the department agreed to require statistics only. Hence, the form to change the prerequisite is approved.

In the case of BCIS 560 the committee approved this course as an elective since it had the appropriate prerequisites.

Finally, the committee discussed the idea of MBA program assessment which is one of the most important items on our agenda for this semester. Hari agreed to put together a proposal addressing this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM