Graduate Committee Minutes October 21, 2008

From: de Boyrie, Maria
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To: Business Faculty Mailing List
Subject: Graduate Committee Minutes - October 21, 2008 Meeting

Dear Business Faculty Members:

Enclosed please find the minutes of the Graduate Committee’s October 21, 2008 meeting. Please let your department’s representative know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you.

Maria
Recording Secretary
Graduate Committee

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Members Present: R. Adkisson (Chairperson), M. de Boyrie, G. Hampton, S. Mills, B. Green (ex-officio),
Members Absent: P. Benson, Dean Brook (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were approved.

B. Green has identified one student who is willing to serve as a Graduate Student representative and is available during our meeting times. R. Adkisson will contact Dean Brook to determine how to proceed given that elections must be held in order to fill the position.

Because an insufficient number of votes were submitted by the faculty, the Assurance of Learning Goals (1 – 5) will remain the same. This issue will be addressed once again in the Spring Convocation. The committee’s assessment process will continue to address the existing goals.

The committee’s assessment of MBA program writing skills continues. A draft of the assessment report will be presented at the next meeting, and committee members will discuss recommendations to bring forward to the MBA graduate faculty.

S. Mills provided the committee with the oral communications assessment report for review. At the next meeting, the committee will discuss results and recommendations.

S. Mills is currently working with N. Oretskin in the assessment of legal issues. G. Hampton will begin the development of learning objectives related to the MBA student’s proficiency in quantitative analysis.

Dropping the IB specialization at the MBA level was discussed. The prohibitive costs of studying abroad, which is a requirement of the specialization, has severely limited interest in the specialization. It was discussed that an HRTM specialization may be a good substitute. The committee will meet with Janet Green at a future date to discuss this possibility.

Committee members believe they are successfully responding to the urgent request from the Dean and the CEC to develop and implement an assessment plan for the MBA program. A solid framework and the first round of assessment results will require extensive time and energy by the committee members through Spring, 2009. The committee was given a list of additional issues brought forward by Dean Brook and the CEC. Members agreed to address assessment-related items in the near future. As time permits, the committee will prioritize the other items presented by Dean Carruthers, Dean Brook, and the CEC.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2008 at 4:00 pm in TBA.

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