Minutes of Graduate Committee Meeting of October 24, 2006
Present: Kathy, Hari, Rick, Phil, and Michelle.
Absent: Kevin and Bobbie.

The committee decided to take two issues to the faculty within the next week.

- The future of the MBA program. Several models will be presented to the faculty to gather their input.

- Benefits to faculty from the expansion of the MBA

The committee also discussed the funding issue and Kathy Brook informed the committee about money coming from the Provost office which sole purpose is to expand the MBA. She emphasized that the funding was non-recurring and that the college should show an increase in MBA enrollment to justify this additional funding.

Some of the committee members were concerned with the issue of research and how increased MBA teaching duties could compromise time that could be dedicated to research which is an important issue for reaccreditation purposes.

The idea of hiring adjuncts/instructors was discussed and how this could alleviate some of the faculty time constraints. These instructors could teach these extra MBA and be completely funded by the money generated by the MBA program.

Later, the issue of quality was raised along with the issue of faculty resources. In the case of BA 502 the committee discussed the idea of making this class a permanent course and how to staff it. The option of restricting this course to WSMR students was discussed but no conclusion was reached.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32