2012-2013 Faculty Committee on Graduate Education, 
Continuing Education, and Special Programs

Minutes

Thursday, January 31st, 2013 at 3:00 PM
SSMB Room 300 (School of Science and Math Building)

Committee members present: Michael England (Math), Valerie Frazier, Secretary (English), Mary Blake Jones (Teacher Education), Brooke Van Horn, Chair (Chemistry), and Robert Westerfelhaus (Communication)

Ex-Officio members present: Amy McCandless (Dean of the Graduate School), Cathy Boyd (Registrar), Alice Hamilton (Director of Non-credit Programs)

Guests attending meeting present: Dave Owens (Associate Dean of the Graduate School), Regina Semko (Assistant to the Dean)

I. Call to order.

II. Review and approval of the minutes – from meeting on November 29th, 2012.

A motion was made by Robert Westerfelhaus and seconded by Rohn England to approve the November minutes.

III. Motion to add a graduate student member – see motion from e-mail – voted on and approved on November 29th, 2012

A. To be sent to Graduate Council and then to By-laws committee – for their presentation to the Senate – please check for any corrections

Discussion ensued as to whether the Graduate Committee’s decision to approve the addition of a non-voting graduate student member instead of a voting graduate student member would be accepted as a friendly amendment by the Faculty Senate. The Bylaws Committee could present the proposed change to the Faculty Senate in March or April 2013. We will need to ask others about the proper protocol to follow in this situation.

IV. New Business – Change/Delete Graduate Program Proposal

A. Termination of a Program – SOC (service-oriented computing) certificate

The committee briefly deliberated about the termination of the SOC computer science program certificate. There are currently not enough students taking advantage of this certificate, and ending the program would allow for better use of faculty resources. Amy McCandless indicated that there should be no adverse effects as a result of this termination. There is also some past precedent for such termination. The motion was made by Rohn England and seconded by Robert Westerfelhaus to approve the termination of the program. Cathy Boyd (and Penny Brunner, via e-mail communication) pointed out that SACS and CHE must be notified. Academic Affairs will be key in making sure that the necessary notifications are communicated in a timely manner.

IV. For the good of the order.

V. Adjournment.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday February 28th, 2013 at 3:00 PM in SSMB 300.