BSU graduate committee Minutes  
for 12/07/2007 at 9:00 AM in Decker 132

Present:  Randy, Christel, Rick, Sue, Carol, Joan, Dianne  

Absent:  Mark F., Vince, Mark C., Louise  

Visitor:  Joann Fredrickson  

1. Approval of previous minutes (11/30/2007) - Document #1  
   Randy moved (Rick 2nd) to approve as presented. Motion carried.  

Reminders/FYI  
2. Call for Graduate Student Mini Grants: Deadline 12/7/2007  

Business  
3. College Reorganization: BSUFA Senate charge, provost request  
   I invited Dr. Fredrickson, I have not received a response so far.  
   FYI, Document #2 = BSU Grad Com response to College Reorganization Proposal  
   Update since the submission of proposal...Dr. F. requested a “pause” for now of a decision being made. Need more feedback from the BSUFA Action Committee and the other action committee. The AAC have met with Chairs; VP met with colleges and Senate; will meet again with Senate next week; hope to make a decision in December. College re-org first and then Dept re-org.; both models are on the table; needs to talk to Budget committee concerning re-assign time for our proposal.  

   Scenario Planning...came out with a need for a more focused identity. Comprehensive university has talked about a lot at the various meetings; the general response was “Why are we trying to do this?”  

   Original idea was not to do a University wide re-org; was only looking piecemeal re-org.  

   Graduate School:  The current COPS Dean position is undoable due to the work load.  

   What is a comprehensive university? JF’s definition....it would be a strong “core” of our arts and sciences (Liberal Arts); want to have multiple offerings of those majors; full array of disciplines; from there those programs could have professional offerings; beyond
that, those professional programs need to have national accredited
and an enrollment draw for those programs; fund-raising or
industry expectations, etc. Those expectations would not apply to
the whole university, but to individual programs. Lets the programs
get to their destiny faster rather than waiting on the University for
funding. External expectations would be more toward the
professional programs, even though we would need to also support
our liberal education courses.

Where are we in terms of the proposal we sent to you? No decision
has been made; meeting with committees, etc.

Concern: More expensive than anything else on the table. How can
we do this with no new monies?

Positioning of the School of Graduate Studies: Concern that it was
paired with areas that are primarily administrative; not appropriate
because the person who is good with the administrative part, that
individual would possibly compromise that person’s coverage of the
grad studies area; it felt like a demotion of grad studies, rather
hidden in the re-org of the other areas that are unrelated to grad
studies.

Bob Griggs never promoted the idea of this; the idea was to move it
to somewhere where it wouldn’t cause the addition of any new
dollars; Bob is an Academic VP in Informational Technology; he was
a faculty member prior to coming to BSU; Comment: he is more
administrative; he doesn’t have the time to cover the grad school;
his position is changing-hiring a Chief Information Officer
(Hartman position), which would greatly reduce his workload even
though he would still oversee this area.

Must attach Grad Studies to the position and not the person (Bob
Griggs). Many of our programs are research based degrees, and the
person who makes the final approval on theses/research papers
would need to have some background in research.

Questioned whether it was considered to put Graduate Studies
under the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences. This person would
rotate in every 2-3 years as we proposed for the Director of
Graduate Studies.
Talked about how BSU would look to MnSCU Graduate Council; most other institutions in the system have some sort of Dean representation. Do we take graduate study seriously at BSU?

Suggested that the title of the Associate Dean would be of “Arts and Sciences” and “Graduate Studies”. Makes sense to put Integrative Studies in that area also.

Someone who can add a voice to graduate studies and also to promote and market it more.

What if...put the Graduate Studies under the college that has the most graduate programs rather than Arts and Sciences.

Clarified that the ideas coming from the committee may be totally different than what comes from Senate.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.**

4. Graduate Faculty membership criteria (Associate level, Master's level, Doctoral level, Emeriti graduate faculty, Community graduate faculty)
   Document #3 = newest draft
   • Retired graduate faculty - feedback
   • JM: 6000 level courses...adjuncts with Ph.D or Ed.D.

5. Membership on the BSU Graduate Committee: Env. Studies asked for a seat on the committee > how do other MnSCU universities organize the graduate committee? - Document #4

6. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation - we need to discuss a time line for this opportunity for students and discuss if we will promote this or not. The due day to the foundation is March 14, 2008.

7. Marketing (JM)

8. Increase application fee and graduation fee: currently $20 and $10, respectively. (JM)

9. GA stipends

10. Other Business