BSU Graduate Committee  
South Conference Room, 1pm  
MINUTES  
September 26, 2008

Members Present: Louise Jackson, Dianne Narum, James White, Richard Koch, Pat Welle, Richard Spindler, Vince Vohnout, Joan Miller

Members Absent: Patricia Rogers, Mark Christensen, Hal Gritzmanner

I. Minutes of September 19, 2008 (See Attached "9-19-2008")
Reminded reps to take specific items back to their department faculty members to make sure they understand and are aware of changes.

Richard S. moved (Jim W. 2nd) to approve to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

II. Old Business

1. BSU Graduate Committee Workplan Review – the latest plan is from 2002-2007.

Initiative A....sees this as the responsibility of the School of Graduate Studies’ authority. Comments: Acton Step 2...It was pointed out that the balance between advising/teaching undergrad and grad students needs to be addressed. The imbalance effects graduate faculty members in all disciplines.

Suggested that the culture at BSU should be addressed; graduate students are as important as undergraduate. Discussed the possibility of offering faculty/student forums on graduate education.

Advocacy for faculty and/or students are different than quality control. This group also reviews and is the gatekeeper for graduate curriculum

Quality control is the main charge of this committee.

It was determined that the workplan needs to be restructured.

Committee Action: Submit 3-4 essential elements that the committee deems is the charge of the graduate committee; items that this committee has control over.

Louise will check into different models for the workplan.
III. New Business

1. GRE Update (See Attached "New News") -FYI

2. We need to discuss the issue of "I" and "IP" grades. If you look at the catalog on page 21, right column, it gives a timeline as to when an "I" will change to an "F", however, it does not for the "IP" grades. Joan has talked with Dave Carlson and there is no way to monitor how many "I" and "IP" grades a student has. Unless their GPA happens to fall below the 3.0, we'd never catch them. Currently, an "I" grade will turn into an "F" at the conclusion of the following term in which the student the "I" grade. There is no such policy in place for the "IP" grade.

Here is what Joan proposes: Reserve the "IP" grade ONLY for the research paper or thesis courses. All other "regular" offerings must receive the "I" grade; this way if the "I" is not changed before the end of the following semester, it will automatically turn into an "F" and the student's GPA will reflect this.

Remind faculty to use the “I” and “IP” with discretion. Remind Dave Carlson to turn the “I” grades to an “F” after the following semester.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 17, 2008 at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned....1:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Joan Miller

IV. Other Business

1. A one-credit ongoing tuition fee for graduate students who have completed their academic coursework but not the thesis. (Hold until Dean Rogers is in attendance)

2. MSPD issues (On hold until after Dean meets with Department)