BSU Graduate Committee Meeting  
February 19, 2009  
1pm  314 Sattgast Hall

Members Present: Louise Jackson, Patricia Rogers, Joan Miller, Patrick Welle, Tim Kroeger, Hal Gritzacher, Vince Vohnout

Members Absent: Jim White, Dianne Narum, Richard Koch, Todd Frauenholtz, Mark Christensen

I. Minutes  February 5, 2009

MnSCU schools are thinking about opening a grad center in the cities because the cities is a huge resource for both undergrad and grad students. The schools in the area are not able to meet the need of the students due. Other schools are interested for collaborative efforts. Virtual or actual building... need to get input from depts. on campus.

A quorum was not met so all agenda items were tabled till the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 5.

Old Business:

1. Differential tuition for graduate students

2. Reminder that advisors and graduate committees are not to schedule oral defenses until the Grad Faculty Rep is assigned.

3. Proposed Changes to Forms 3 and 5 for the MS programs.

Patrick Welle suggests this language

While I remain skeptical that we can devise a constructive and effective way of preempting Orals for candidates who are not prepared, I offer the wording below to soften the concerns that have been expressed and perhaps be more palatable to prospective grad. reps. and faculty Senators.

"The Graduate Representative has the prerogative to refer a paper that raise concerns about the preparedness of the student for Oral Exams to a member of the Graduate Committee. If after reviewing the paper the Graduate Committee doubts the author's readiness, the Graduate Committee in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies can postpone the Oral Exam as long as the student and Thesis Committee are notified no less than one week prior to the scheduled date of the Oral Exam."

New Business:

1. Issue of printing thesis/research papers back to back rather than on only one side of the page. Erika Bailey-Johnson contacted Joan concerning this issue.

2. Graduate Mini-Grants...disbursement of funds if applicants do not meet the minimum criteria  
   A. Letter from Damian Droessler, a mini-grant recipient. (attached)

3. Proposed changes to Master of Special Education. Hal Gritzacher and Sue Cutler Tabled till a future date.