BSU Graduate Committee Meeting
Friday, September 3, 2010
10 am  314 Sattgast Hall

Committee Website: http://faculty.bemidjistate.edu/ckippenhan/BSUGradCom/

Members Present: John Gonzalez, Dianne Narum, Todd Frauenholtz, Michael Urban, Christel Kippenhan, Rick Koch, Mark Christensen, Pat Welle, Vince Vohnout, Pat Rogers, Joan Miller

Members Absent: Tim Kroeger

Guests: None

I. Approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2010 (Document #1) Mark moved (Rick 2nd) to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

II. Reminders/FYI….none

III. Business
   1. Introductions: Two new members…Dr. John Gonzalez, Psychology; and Dr. Michael Urban, Professional Education.
   2. Selection of Committee Chair and MnSCU Grad Council Rep. – Mark moved (Todd 2nd) for Christel Kippenhan to continue as the Chair for the BSU Graduate Committee. Motion passed.

MnSCU Grad Rep: tabled till next time; please consider serving as this may be used in the faculty PDP.

3. BSU Graduate Creativity Award / MAGS 2011 Distinguished Thesis Award Joan will send out to Faculty List Serve the announcement.

4. Graduate Student Mini Grants (Call & Reports)
The call for funds has been sent out to the VPs, etc. There remains a balance of $1,007 from last year.

Discussed the possibility of posting graduate student mini-grant reports on the committee website….discussed the validity of posting these reports….it was determined the reports will stay in the School of Graduate Studies.
5. Curriculum Proposals
   A. 21 ENVR (MS) - 28 pp. - major impetus is to rectify the issue of the 6XXX level courses….6 credits of thesis was transferred to a lit review class and a research methods class at the 6XXX level; thesis credits were reduced to 2 credits…..Mark moved (Vince 2nd) to approve as presented. Motion carried.

   B. 40 NRSG (3457/5457) - 3 pp. –change of description to accommodate the MnSCU rulings on Liberal Education ….Mark moved (Todd 2nd) to approve proposal as presented. Motion carried.

   C. FYIs re curriculum proposals: Wendy Larson has been forwarding to Christel curriculum items that needs no action from the graduate committee. .....i.e. double numbered courses being dropped; modification to undergrad courses only...no effect on graduate curriculum.....consensus that the group does not want to see it....will list under FYI on graduate website for those who do.

6. HLC Report: Implications for Graduate Studies – please read before we discuss at the meeting....goes along with Structure of School of Graduate Studies; please be prepared to discuss at next week’s meeting.

7. Graduate Faculty Resource Room-

8. Graduate Faculty Status Clarification (see draft minutes from 4/14/10 & graduate faculty policies of other MnSCU institutions)

9. Structure of Graduate School - Pat Rogers – advanced programs also need to be assessed for student outcomes....“Assessment and Review of Graduate Programs”-Dr. Rogers will order enough books for everyone on the committee.

Will meet weekly until the load agenda items lesson.....for the next meeting, review the HLC Report... 

Next meeting will be Friday, September 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Sattgast 314.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

10. Other business

Joan Miller, Recording Secretary