MINUTES
BSU Graduate Committee Meeting
Friday, October 1, 2010
10 am   314 Sattgast Hall

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

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

I. Approval of the Minutes of Sept. 24, 2010 (Document #1)
   Todd moved (John 2nd) to approve. Motion carried.

II. Reminders/FYI
   1. BSU Graduate Creativity Award - Nomination deadline: Oct. 13. 2010
      Reminder sent Sept. 30, 2010-Faculty List Serve

   2. First Call: 2010-11 Graduate Student Mini Grants - Submission deadline: Nov. 24, 2010

      Vince: Ready for the MnSCU Grad Council to take a more direct 
            control...sounded like that’s direction they are going; however, they denied 
            that is the direction they are going....direction is going with grad studies are 
            looking at the doctoral ...show us the proof of what your programs are 
            providing....Pat:  better that this come directly from our program 
            representatives rather than be directed by the MnSCU Grad Council.

III. Business
   4. HLC Report/Recalibration: Position Statement (Document #2 & #3), Next Step? 
      Christel tried to pull together some of the positions that came from our 
      discussion...Pat R.:  Does this go far enough? Do we go with this or do we need to dig deeper? Do we have things to back up what we’re saying here?

We have demand for certain programs but then we need to take a look at 
what’s suffering? High demand programs with insufficient resources? Some 
faculty want to focus more on graduate studies and let the undergrad go; 
however, some are also afraid of losing the ug grads that go into their grad 
program.
Common thread: find a way (or not) to maintain our undergrad or graduate programs; just not enough hours in the day to take care of both in current configurations.

Meeting the demand of services in the region: Where do our students come from and where do they go? Online programs have people from all over the world….try to figure out who our audience is….we need to take a look at the duplicate programs in the MnSCU System… we need to justify why our programs are worthy.

Using the President’s structure:
Distinctiveness- uniqueness?
Innovation – uniqueness, how it’s delivered, how we integrate with other programs.
Sustainability
Employability

Areas that the President wants us to address for all programs. Needs real evidence and real data behind each program....

Suggested that each representative take this back to their graduate programs for input; not just with words but evidence...descriptive form and data to back it up.

Pat W. (John 2nd) made a resolution that the graduate committee look at each graduate program for justification of the continuation of their graduate program. Each rep will talk with their graduate program faculty to gather data. Motion carried.

It was suggested that we need to provide the President with data using his terminology.

Simply take it back to the graduate programs as a gentle reminder that it might be a good idea for them to take an honest look at their graduate programs.

The President will be looking at each program (undergrad and grad) using the four criteria listed above. Departments need to be prepared with evidence and data as to why a program is viable for BSU.

This type of evidence gathering should be directly related to student outcomes....
5. Graduate Faculty Resource Room
Those faculty who provided links to the resource room, please forward to Christel.

6. Continued discussion of graduate catalog revisions (Document #4)
Patty, Joan, Christel, Todd and Dianne will meet to determine areas that the entire committee needs to review.

7. Grad Faculty application – abstention votes
Pat R. – what is the role of the Dean….if someone is denied admission into grad faculty status, does the Dean need to list why they are denied? Nothing in our policies that clearly outlines this….tabled.

8. Other business

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Next meeting will be Oct. 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes taken by,

Joan Miller, OAS-SR, GSO