Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Enrollment Conference Room

Attending: Dr. Kristi Pearce, Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, Dr. Shane Sarver, Dr. Patricia Simpson, Dr. Tim Steckline, Dr. David Scarborough, Dr. Garth Spellman, Dr. David Wolff, Mr. Rajeev Bukralia, Dr. Thomas (Mitch) Hopewell, Mr. Woody Walstrom, Student Representative, and Mr. Gregg Galea, Senior Secretary.

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Dr. Pearce. The minutes from the 20 October meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was placed on the floor by Dr. Ahmad with a second by Dr. Spellman. The motion was carried.

MSSL: Rajeev Bukralia introduced Dr. Thomas (Mitch) Hopewell as the new MSSL Coordinator. Mitch said he is preparing two new courses that he well be teaching this spring semester: the practicum course and the mentoring course. He also reminded the graduate council of the resources available on Strategic Leadership in the library.

MSCI: Dr. Simpson reported that the COE graduate faculty are working on a program review for the upcoming NGATE report due in June of 2011. They are also conducting a needs assessment to determine interest in three possible new programs; Distance Educator, Special Education, and Master of Arts in Teaching/Master in Education.

MSIG: Dr. Spellman reported that the program is on track and that he is working on the program's assessment report. In addition, they are considering an accelerated track program for the MSIG degree.

MBA: Dr. Scarborough reported that the program was approved to be added to the Higher Learning Commission Status of Affiliation Statement for BHSU. The program had it first graduate faculty meeting and they are looking forward to reviewing applications starting in January 2010. One big topic of concern was the Website. They have been working with LaNaya Elliot to develop a website as a marketing tool. The proposed schedule for delivering the program of study is designed to offer two classes a night on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Classes will be held at the Higher Education Center in Rapid City.

The next graduate council meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2010 in the first floor Woodburn conference room #107.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

If you have any comments or added corrections, please inform Gregg Galea. Gregg.Galea@BHSU.edu.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be on 01-19-10