

**University Wide Graduate Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**September 16, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Matt Baumer, Karen Brown, Claire Dandeneau, Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt, Vida Irani, James Lenze, Jamie Martin, Scott Moore, David Myers, Linda Norris, David Piper, Kustim Wibowo, Dawn Woodland, Nashat Zuraikat

**NOT PRESENT:**

Dr. David Piper called the meeting to order at 3:35p.m.

On a Martin/Norris motion the agenda was **APPROVED** as submitted.

On a Woodland/Wibowo motion the September 2, 2008 minutes were **APPROVED** as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dean Myers announced that the Professional Growth program will be deactivated for the period of two years; this will go to the Senate as information

Dr. Piper announced that the Academic Integrity Policy will need to be looked at; he will assign to a subcommittee at the next meeting, unless someone requests that they would like to do this.

Dr. Baumer had no announcements.

Dr. Lenze announced that at the Distance Education Committee several suggestions came up:

1. The committee liked the idea of faculty being certified to teach distance education classes just like faculty have to be certified to teach writing intensive classes.
2. Restructure the whole process by having a permanent joint (a couple of members from the UWGC and the UUGC) subcommittee formed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Martin/Norris to move Dean Myers announcements to #1 all approved.
2. There was a call for nominations for the election of UWGC recording secretary; Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt nominated herself; on a Dandeneau/Brown motion the nominations were closed. On a Woodland/Wibowo motion and unanimous vote Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt is the recording secretary for UWGC.

**Business in Progress:**

**A) Programs/Curricular Matters**

1. *Ph.D. in Safety Science*, assigned to subcommittee #1 (Claire Dandeneau, Karen Brown, Nashat Zuraikat, Kustim Wibowo) was hand delivered to everyone on 2/26/08; subcommittee emailed part one of their report on 3/4/08; there was some discussion but due to lack of time the discussion will continue at the next meeting – 3/4/08; very intense discussion – 3/18/08; no discussion – 4/1/08; Dr Kilmarx and Chris Janciak attended the meeting to discuss the budget – 4/8/08; after much discussion a memo will be sent to proposer with suggested changes – 4/15/08; subcommittee sent part two of their report (report is on the ‘x’ drive) – 8/26/08; Dr. Piper announced that he received an email from Chris Janicak stating that he is putting together four new courses for the Ph.D.; subcommittee gave their report on part #2; after some discussion a memo will be sent to the proposer with suggested changes – 9/2/08; Proposer sent response to part #1 via email – this email went to everyone and was put on the ‘x’ drive on 9/8/08; no discussion – 9/16/08; Chris Janicak sent response to part #2 – put on the ‘x’ drive on 9/17/08
  
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## **Business in Progress:**

### **B) Policy Issues**

1. ***Handbook***, New Chapter – Online (Distance) Graduate Programs; lengthy discussion; LaPorte will put all the suggestions together and have another draft for the committee in the near future – 1/15/08; no discussion – 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08; LaPorte will have the draft ready so that it may be sent to Senate as information only – 4/8/08; draft was sent to everyone via email but no time for discussion; the draft will be sent to Senate on 4/22/08 as information only – 4/15/08; no discussion – 8/26/08, 9/2/08, 9/16/08
2. ***Graduate Distance Education Review Form***, Co-chairs will set up a meeting with Rob and John Henry about the Graduate Distance Education Review Form – 11/23/04; no discussion – 11/30/04, 12/14/04; there has been and will be more discussions with John Henry about this form – 1/18/05; some discussion – 1/25/05; no discussion – 2/8/05, 2/15/05, 2/22/05, 3/15/05; David Chambers will modify the form and bring back to the committee, then take to APSCUF – 3/22/05; no discussion – 4/5/05, 4/12/05, 4/19/05, 9/20/05, 9/27/05, 10/11/05; brief discussion – 10/18/05; no discussion 11/18/05; lengthy discussion – 11/15/05; brief discussion – 11/22/05; no discussion – 11/29/05, 1/24/06, 2/7/06, 2/14/06, 2/21/06, 3/7/06, 3/21/06, 4/4/06, 4/11/06, 4/18/06, 4/25/06, 8/29/06, 9/5/06, 9/19/06, 9/26/06; announcement from Michael T. Williamson that Senate may approve that the Academic Committee take on some of the UWGC's policy issues and this would be one of them – 10/3/06; it was decided unanimously to keep this policy here with the UWGC – 10/10/06; no discussion – 10/17/06, 10/31/06; lengthy discussion with many suggestions; will be discussed more at the next meeting – 11/14/06; revisions to the procedure for submitting distance education proposals and the form for distance education proposals were distributed for discussion at the next meeting – 11/21/06; lengthy discussion; there were several suggestions to be added to the draft for discussion at the next meeting – 11/28/06; no discussion – 1/23/07; new form and procedures were sent to the committee via email; no discussion – 2/6/07; after some discussion and suggestions for minor changes a new draft will be brought back to the committee – 2/20/07; no discussion – 3/6/07, 3/20/07, 4/3/07; on a Woodland/Lenze motion to discuss the revised handout from Michael T. Williamson there were several changes suggested; the discussion will continue at the next meeting – 4/10/07; some discussion with more suggestions for the “procedures to review an existing course for distance education delivery”; Mark Staszkiwicz to forward these changes to Michael for revision – 4/17/07; no discussion – 4/24/07, 8/28/07, 9/4/07, 9/18/07, 9/25/07, 10/2/07, 10/16/07, 10/23/07; lengthy discussion – 10/30/07; no discussion – 11/13/07, 1/15/08, 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08, 4/8/08, 4/15/08, 8/26/08, 9/2/08, 9/16/08
3. ***Thesis Dissertation Manual***, handed out for review – 10/2/07; no discussion 10/16/07; after some discussion there were many suggested changes; La Porte asked if anyone had more suggestions that they would email them to him, he will put everything together and bring back to the committee in the near future – 10/23/07; no discussion – 10/30/07, 11/13/07, 11/29/07, 1/15/08, 1/22/08, 2/5/08, 2/19/08, 3/4/08, 3/18/08, 4/1/08, 4/8/08,

**Inactive Items:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.