

**University Wide Graduate Committee
Minutes
January 19, 2009**

PRESENT: Matt Baumer, Valerie Gunter, Joann Janosko, Yu-Ju Kuo, DeAnna Laverick, Tim Mack, Scott Moore, Linda Norris, David Piper, Shari Robertson, J.B. Smith, Laura Strong

NOT PRESENT: Linwu Gu, Margaret Hammond, Vida Irani, Jamie Martin, James Nash, Dawn Woodland

Dr. Piper called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

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

On a Moore/Norris motion the December 8, 2009 minutes were **APPROVED** as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Piper announced that the parliamentarian and rules committee of Senate asked the co-chairs to discuss with the UWGC the GA 12 to 9 credit hours, funding for assistantships, and differential tuition.

Dr. Baumer had no announcements.

Dr. Robertson announced that she is working on several proposals.

Dr. Mack announced:

1. The SGSR is working on ensuring that only graduate faculty are teaching graduate classes and advise graduate students. There are several faculty who have let their status expire. The SGSR is working with the faculty to rectify this.
2. Differential tuition – A form was sent to graduate coordinators in high demand graduate programs asking them to do a market analysis of the cost of their program against the cost of their chief competitors. A significant percentage of the coordinators indicated from this analysis that increasing graduate tuition could be problematic. Therefore, differential graduate tuition is being considered as a less favorable option for addressing the Academic Affairs budget imbalance than previously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. GA 12 to 9 and funding assistantships; UWGC moved that the Senate endorse the change from 12 to 9 hours of summer credit for AY 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, provided that the administration 1) ensures that the Graduate School will no longer incur any “deficit” for tuition waivers; 2) doesn’t reduce the overall number of assistantships from the current level.
2. Differential Tuition - Dr. Mack talked in great detail about differential tuition; the co-chairs decided there is no need for further discussion at this time.

curriculum handbook as there are many changes that are needed (i.e. website's that are no longer up and running, department name changes) – 11/10/09; the graduate curriculum handbook was divided between the two subcommittees for any suggested changes that needed to be made to update the handbook; subcommittee #1 (Margaret Hammond, Vida Irani, Joann Janosko, DeAnna Laverick, J.B. Smith, Linwu Gu, Valeria Gunter) received from the beginning to chapter 5; subcommittee #2 (Jamie Martin, Scott Moore, Linda Norris, James Nash, Laura Strong, Dawn Woodland, Yu-Ju Kuo) received chapter 6 to end – 11/17/09; both subcommittees had their reports ready; ran out of time – 12/8/09; no report – 1/19/10

Inactive Items:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.