

University of Wisconsin-Superior
All Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2010

Faculty Present: J Christensen, T Kronzer, S Loonsk, E Cross, R Robinson, M Einerson, S Griffith, P Nordgren, T Cleary. **Staff:** S Wallgren. Other faculty and administrators attended outside of actual meeting time.

Call to Order: J Christensen called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

A. Strategic Plan

a. Marketing:

- i. Susan Loonsk has started a Facebook page for Graduate Studies.
- ii. A Graduate Studies student worker has been assigned to work on the web pages. Some changes have been made and the web pages are still under construction.
- iii. Council has proposed to the Provost Leadership Team that use of 75-80% of graduate student segregated fees be used to fund strategic plan initiatives, including marketing.

b. Lobby to re-establish graduate assistants

- i. Currently have student assist and work study for Graduate Studies Office. Other campuses have grad assistants where we do not.
- ii. Cabinet makes the decision regarding grad assistants. Grad Assists have been requested in the budget proposal.
- iii. It was suggested that the possible cost savings of using grad assists vs. ad hocs be explored.
- iv. Not all departments would use grad assists in the same way.
- v. Applicants often ask about grad assistantships

c. Solidify recognition and establish discipline-specific year-round programs by Oct 2009

- i. Students are recognizing year round programming but not necessarily administration.
- ii. Yearly approval is required for summer classes, so it is difficult to guarantee year round programs for students.
- iii. Separate consideration of grad vs. undergrad classes was supported
- iv. Plans of Study listing year-round classes could be submitted for approval.

- d. Internal promotion of grad programs by May 2012
 - i. Lynn Williams, Marketing and Communications Director, has met with Rhoda Robinson and supports promotion of Grad Studies. Their office adapted the summer college flyers to focus on graduate students.
 - ii. Associate Dean is part of the Provost Leadership Team
- e. Preserve Graduate Dean position by May 2012
 - i. This continues to be a half time position
- f. Create and foster competitive graduate programs by May 2012
 - i. Still looking at this. A music graduate degree is being explored
- g. To improve and expand student advising by exploring and adopting/developing a graduate advisement model by May 2012
 - i. Advisee model must allow for individual differences among departments
 - ii. Grad Charter indicates that limited graduate faculty are not eligible to advise.
- h. To strengthen instruction
 - i. Working on these.
 - ii. It was suggested that faculty awards/recognition could be reestablished. Awards were previously given for research/performance/design
 - iii. A symposium of undergrad and grad research is being explored.
- i. Meet the needs of our pluralistic society
 - i. There is more interest in Grad programs on international recruiting events, and we are receiving more international applicants
 - ii. Conversations have been started regarding marketing and recruiting international students
 - iii. Immigration law is being reviewed relative to our programs and class offerings.
 - iv. Want our programs to welcome international students

B. Secretary Election

- a. Orv Clark has volunteered to be secretary
- b. J Christensen will contact Tara Kachgal to see if she is interested

C. Thought about where to go from here

- a. Review of the Charter is encouraged

- b. Increase visibility of our certification programs
- c. Refine process for appointment of limited graduate faculty. Currently need vita and list of names to be forwarded to the Provost.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm