



Minutes of the Graduate Board

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Daniel J. Canney, Jay Fagan, Edward Flanagan, Thomas Gould, Marcia Hall, William Hitchcock, Deborah Howe, Luke Kahlich, Jeff Rush, Pablo Vila

Ex-Officio Member:

Zebulon Kendrick, Associate Dean, Graduate School

Graduate School Staff:

Cheryl Jackson, Assistant to the Dean
Michael Toner, Research Associate

Approval of the Minutes:

Luke Kahlich motioned to approve the minutes of March 26, 2009. Jeff Rush seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Business:

The Associate Dean opened the meeting by addressing old business. The Graduate Board reviewed the new Ph.D. in Geoscience and the M.S. in Environmental Engineering. The Board voted to approve both proposed degree programs, with votes of 10 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

The next matter was fellowships. The Associate Dean reported that 38 students have accepted fellowship awards.

The Graduate Board approved of electronic voting over the course of the summer, as needed, to ensure that the business of graduate education does not languish during the summer break.

The next order of business was the restructuring of the Ph.D. in Sociology. The document has been approved by the appropriate committees in the College of Liberal Arts and is endorsed by the Dean. The Graduate Board, however, questioned the total number of credit hours. Thus, Luke Kahlich motioned that upon verification of the total number of credits by the Program Review Committee, the Graduate Board would vote at large electronically to move the proposal forward to the Board of Trustees by May 4, 2009. Edward Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finally, in new business, Deborah Howe asked in what fields the dissertation completion awards were granted. The Associate Dean advised that they went to two candidates in Anthropology, one in Finance, and one in Kinesiology.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned @ 3:00 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on Main Campus, 3B Conwell Hall, on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, @ 2:30 p.m.