

Graduate Studies Committee
April 14, 2009

Members Present: B. Boyd, J. Beller, E. Hindman, R. Hoeksel, D. Kim, A. Lindsay, K. Meier, M. Roe
Members Absent: M. Tsatsomeros
Members Excused: W. Brown, W. Fassett, S. Fotopoulos
Graduate School Staff: H. Grimes, J. Merrill, D. Sellon, P. Sturko
Ex officio members:
Guest:

Announcement Items

Action Items

1. **Minutes** of the March 31, 2009 meeting were **approved**.
2. **Courses:**
 - a. HBM 591, Approved
 - b. HBM 592, Approved
 - c. Engl 554, Table
 - d. ME/MSE 513, Table
 - e. Mus 592, Table
3. Jennifer Beller was elected as Chair of Graduate for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Discussion Items

1. The issue of a conjoint course policy was further discussed. The committee discussed how the courses were used on the students programs of study. The ratio of Graduate Students to Undergraduate Students in the conjoint courses. How the course came to the committee and who in the department evaluates the courses. The conjoint courses rigor. The importance of syllabus review at the Graduate Studies Committee. The idea for a conjoint course checklist for departments and Graduate Studies reviewers. The percentage of conjoint courses in each department and how that data could be collected. The discussion ended with the committee recommending a implementing a check list for the Graduate Studies Committee course review.

The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 3:00, Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

Locations:

Pullman: Lighty 401
Spokane (SHSB 210F)
Tri-Cities (BSEL 104)
Vancouver (VSSC 108)