

GAAC Minutes

Monday, February 02, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee took place in room 152 at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 02, 2009. In attendance at the meeting were: Zenaida Aguirre-Muñoz; Tara Stevens, Doug Simpson, Reese Todd, Gerald Parr, Peggie Price, and Annette Smith. Guest Walter Smith attended representing the department of Curriculum and Instruction.

No minutes of the January 12th meeting were provided as the secretary's laptop computer was taken in a home burglary. The minutes for that meeting will be reconstructed with input from the committee and submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Annette Smith was welcomed by the chair as the student representative to the GAAC from the Graduate Student Association elections.

Doug Simpson explained that action taken at the January meeting by the GAAC regarding Seminar and Special Topics Course approval procedure was presented at the Graduate Faculty meeting held on January 16. He indicated that there was a lively discussion about the action.

In new business, EDCI 6382 was brought to the committee for approval as a new course. There was discussion about the contents of the course and how it might impact enrollment in other research classes. Zenaida suggested that perhaps this course should undergo the same approval process that the Seminar and Special Topics courses did, with the two department chairs looking at the document. There was also a question about the course having duplicative properties to other classes. Doug Simpson clarified that Cliff Fedler used the number 50% of the materials must be duplicative of other another course to be considered in violation of university regulations.

Reese suggested that we go ahead and move on the EDCI 6382 course and moved that we agree to take a vote today. The motion carried. Peggie moved that EDCI 6382 be approved as a course in the College of Education, Annette Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Votes of yea were cast by Peggie Price, Reese Todd and Annette Smith. Votes of nay were cast by Tara Stevens and Gerald Parr.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggie Price