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ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010  
111 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING

REPORT

Present: Stefanie Ohnesorg (Chair), Vince Anfara, Ralph Brockett, Robert Hatcher, LeAnn Luna, Trevor Moulden, Peggy Pierce, Kay Reed, Tom Whitworth, Songning Zhang.

The meeting was called to order by Stefanie Ohnesorg, Chair, at 2:15 p.m. in 111 Student Services Building.

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1. Title of Director of Graduate Studies (Item tabled from previous APC meeting of 2-18-2010)

The committee voted to recommend that the Graduate Council approve the following change in the Graduate Catalog statement:

CHANGE FROM: Graduate Program Director

CHANGE TO: Director of Graduate Studies.

Each academic department or program has designated a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who is the Director of Graduate Studies.

The committee had more discussion on the specific definition of the role of Director of Graduate Studies. APC will return to this definition at a later date.

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2. Doctoral Committee

The committee continued its discussion of components of current policy and a draft of a changed policy. The committee will continue having brown-bag lunch meetings to discuss this policy after Spring Break.

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### 3. Parental Leave Policy for Graduate Students

The Graduate Student Senate is working on a proposal for a Graduate Student Parental Leave Policy with the assistance of Tim Rogers, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and Dr. Carolyn R. Hodges, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. The proposal is asking for six weeks of leave from work as graduate assistants for graduate students due to the birth or adoption of a child. Additional minimal safeguards are included in the proposal. The committee offered several suggestions for enhancements to the proposed policy statement.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.