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Present: Stefanie Ohnesorg (Chair), Catherine Cox, Russell Crook, Joy DeSensi, Xiaobing Feng, Shandra Forrest-Bank, Carolyn Hodges, Yanfei Gao, Elizabeth Hendrickson, Jennifer Morrow, Martin Walker, Masood Parang, Phuriwat Anusonti-Inthra (via skype and speaker phone), Greg Tipps

Discussion of implementing new Academic Policies on
- Continuous Enrollment
- Consequences of Non-Enrollment without Leave of Absence
- Leave of Absence (LOA) and Reinstatement Following an LOA
- Reinstatement Following an Approved Leave of Absence

Discussion of changes to existing Academic Policies on
- Time Limit for Masters Programs
- Time Limit for Doctoral Programs
- Reinstatement Following an Approved Leave of Absence
- Readmission
- Registration for Course 600

The members of the Academic Policy Committee continued their discussion of new academic policies on Continuous Enrollment, Consequences of Non-Enrollment without Leave of Absence, and Reinstatement Following an Approved Leave of Absence. APC also discussed some necessary consequences of introducing these new policies on currently existing academic policy, namely the policies on Time Limit for Masters’ Programs, Time Limit for Doctoral Programs, Readmission, and Registration for Course 600.

During our meeting Greg Tipps (Associate Director, Office of Graduate Admissions) clarified that it will be possible to distinguish between “reinstatement” and “readmission” within the framework of currently existing admission procedures, and Masood Parang (Associate Dean, College of Electrical Engineering) provided important insights for our discussion related to changes of the academic policy that regulate registration for Course 600.

During our meeting, we created drafts for all of the above noted policies and will review the entire package of interrelated graduate academic policies prior to our next meeting on March 13 when APC will vote on these policies. New policies and policy changes that will be approved by APC on March 13, 2014 will be included in the APC Report for March 13 and presented to Graduate Council for a vote on April 10, 2014.