Minutes/Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee Meeting

July 8, 2011

Members present: Joe Parisi, Joe Singer, Dean Ronald MacQuarrie (Chair), Connie Mahone (administrative support)

Excused Absences: Deborah Smith, Lisa Terre, Jeff Gorski, Virginia Blanton, Charles Wurrey, Rafia Rasu

I. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., with minutes of April 8 meeting.

II. Announcements
Since a quorum was not present a request to suspend the rules was authorized in order to confirm the following election results:

• Dr. Wai-Yim Ching, Physics
• Dr. John Laity, Cell Biology & Biophysics
• Dr. Joe Singer, Entrepreneurship And Innovation
• Dr. James Sturgeon, Economics
• Dr. Charles Robinson, Music Education

III. Discussion of Site Visit Report
Members reviewed and discussed the Summary of the Site Visit report identifying and prioritizing the most critical issues which included:

• The admissions process (#1 on the Summary sheet)
• Articulating how interdisciplinarity is part of the program (#4 on the Summary sheet)
• Information on the website demonstrating interdisciplinary nature of the program (#9 on the Summary sheet)

Members requested a joint meeting between the Executive Committee and discipline coordinators in early fall to discuss how these measures can best be addressed to improve the overall quality of the program.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.