Minutes/Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee Meeting

March 11, 2011

Members present: Joe Parisi, Charles Wurrey, Virginia Blanton, John Laity, Deborah Smith, Deep Medhi, Lisa Terre, Jeff Gorski, Joe Singer, Wai-Yim Ching, Dean Ronald MacQuarrie (Chair), Connie Mahone (administrative support)

Excused Absences: Rafia Rasu

Guests: Patricia Kelly (SON), Colleen Kelly (SGS)

I. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., with minutes of the February 11, 2011 meeting approved.

II. Announcements
   • Dean MacQuarrie announced the ULAPSIE Division in the SOE has requested approval from the Provost’s Office for name change to Educational Leadership, Policy and Foundations (ELPF).

III. New Discipline Proposal
   Dr. Patricia Kelly, Associate Dean for Research at the School of Nursing was on hand to present and answer questions about the proposal. The proposed program would admit 7 or 8 students per year and would offer local students an opportunity to participate in an on-line program with Pharmacology, ULAPSIE and PAA proposed as appropriate co-disciplines. The following points were raised during discussion by committee members after the presentation:

   • Can the needs of applicants be met in the currently established program?
   • How will the residency requirement be met if the program is on-line?
   • Has communication gone out to proposed co-discipline areas to get collaboration of their support?
   • Will co-disciplines have the capacity to handle the demand of offering additional core classes?
   • How will the proposed program be beneficial?

   After further discussion some members of the committee were still unclear as to the rationale for the request and have requested further justification while other members asked what the interdisciplinary program had to lose if the SON program was approved.

IV. Program Assessment
   Dr. Deborah Smith discussed the draft rubric which has been proposed for use as an aid in assessing the program and meeting the goal of the UMKC assessment plan. The proposed form is to be completed at the actual defense and returned to the Graduate Studies Office in order for information to be entered into a separate database and tallied for later use by the University’s assessment team. The form is to be instituted as a pilot project this spring for the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. Dr. John Laity voted in favor of the form and requested that his proxy be included as a part of the recorded minutes.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.