Minutes/Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee Meeting

November 12, 2010

Members present: Lisa Terre, Charles Wurrey, Deborah Smith, Joe Parisi, Wai-Yim Ching, John Herron, Deep Medhi, John Laity, Rafia Rasu, Dianne Smith, Dean Ronald MacQuarrie (Chair), Connie Mahone (administrative support)

Excused Absences: Jeff Gorski, William Black

I. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., with minutes of the October 8, 2010 meeting approved.

II. Announcements
   - Fellowship applications are on-line with February 1, 2011 deadline.
   - Reminder that submission of thesis and dissertations will be done electronically starting Fall 2010 semester.

III. Program Evaluation Committee Update
   Discussion regarding the report and information being gathered for the evaluation process to include outcomes, expectations and recommendations. Discussion also focused on whether or not there is strong support for the program since the current budget model seems to inhibit collaboration among the disciplines. Dr. MacQuarrie requested additional input for proactive ways or recommendations for the PEC review. One of the main questions is how well the doctoral program is working and what can we do to enhance student success? This is an opportunity to improve the educational experiences and the outcomes for our students.

   Dr. Smith requested names of external reviewers in order for the committee to review their information.

IV. Annual Evaluation Process
   As of today, 148 evaluations have not been received in the SGA Office and enrollment holds have been placed. The annual evaluation process currently used will be for the 2010-2011 year.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.