Minutes/Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee Meeting

September 10, 2010

Members present: Lisa Terre, Charles Wurrey, Jeff Gorski, Wai-Yim Ching, John Herron, William Black, Dean Ronald MacQuarrie (Chair), Connie Mahone (administrative support)

Excused Absences: Joe Singer, Deborah Smith, Rafia Rasu, Joe Parisi

I. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., since there was not a majority in attendance the minutes of June 11, 2010 were not approved.

II. Introduction of members
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III. Announcements
   - As of today, there are 410 students enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program with an additional 3 currently on LOA. September 20, 2010 will serve as census day for the University and final enrollment figures will be available after that date.
   - Listing of spring and summer graduates distributed (17 total)
   - Invitation to IDSC’s Fall picnic which is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at Loose Park.

IV. Revised Plan of Study Approval
   Revisions to the plan of study form which were proposed at the June meeting were reviewed with final revisions suggested. A vote was not taken due to attendance but the form will be sent out by email for final review and approval.

V. Program Evaluation Committee
   Dean MacQuarrie advised that Drs. Smith and Bunce were in the process of developing the final e-mail surveys that would be sent to faculty and students. He also advised of the survey currently being conducted by Dr. Hovis-French and advised that results can be viewed on the SGS website. A question from the committee as to whether or not there was some type of reward in place to insure a good return rate from students and at this time there isn’t anything in place.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.