SLIS Graduate Studies Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2011

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. SLIS Conference room

PRESENT: Rhonda Harris Taylor, Chair; Susan Burke (faculty member Fall 2010); Kathy Latrobe; Meg Wilson (Norman student member); Jennifer Tatum (Tulsa student member via Skype)

ITEM: Approval of October 10, 2011 minutes
ACTION: Accepted by motion, second, and vote

ITEM: Spring 012 Comprehensive Examination orientation and update on new procedures
INFORMATION:
--New format for comps offered Thursday April 12--Monday, April 16, 2012—orientation will be the evening of November 29, 2011
--S. Burke and R. Taylor and C. Brown and M. Ryan will participate as presenters; handbook will be distributed and FAQs (latter to be ongoing)
--committee members should check FAQs and handbook for any conflicts, corrections needed;
--there will also be some students taking the current format of comps

ITEM: Student request for transfer credit
INFORMATION: One student requested transfer credit for a course to be taken in the summer, and it was recommended to the Director for approval by the faculty members of the committee (OU does not allow students to evaluate other students or have access to their academic records); it is for a course at an ALA accredited school, is to be a general elective, and the course has been previously approved for another student

ITEM: Post-evaluation process for EPAs
DISCUSSION: --Consider an evaluation rubric for the new comps format (suggestion to be taken to faculty meeting)

ITEM: Reviewing charges of committee: EPA issues
DISCUSSION: From October meeting—(postpone until have processes in place for new comps format)
--need to review guidelines for thesis and portfolio to see if changes needed
--consider how to gather data about student experiences with EPAs, esp. individualized ones like thesis and portfolio (possibly a generic form; possibly part of exit interview; possibly hold survey 2 years and then look at; possibly ask the alumni on the regularly administered surveys)

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