Graduate Faculty Council

Minutes - April 12, 2001

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The meeting convened at 4:10pm

Attending: Graduate Programs: Bruce Mork (EE), Vicky Bergvall (RTC), Steve Carr (CS), Sarah Green (CH), John Jaszczak (PH), Mark Roberts (SBE), John Sutherland (MEEM) and Don Kreher (MA)

Other representatives: Marilyn Urion (GS), Neil Hutzler (COE), Aimee Blanchard (GSC)

Programs not represented: Geological Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Social Science, Mining and Materials Processing, Forestry, Biology, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering.

There was no quorum. Discussion centered around distance education and the oral examination requirement for a Plan C M.S.

Distance Education

Marilyn Urion presented material on distance learning programs. This included

- letter of agreement between MTU and corporate partner
- intellectual property agreement

A Proposed policy on transfer credits was presented. Below is an outline of the proposal

1. Transfer credits before enrollment at MTU require a request for transfer credit during first term of residence
2. Transfer credits taken after enrollment must be approved in advance of course registration
3. For on campus programs 1/3 of non-research credits may be transferred.
4. For off-campus programs 1/2 of the credits may be transferred.

There was sentiment that the policy should be the same for on-campus and off-campus students.

The GFC discussed the option of limiting pre-enrollment transfer credit at 1/3 of non-research courses and let departments put additional restrictions on pre-enrollment or post-enrollment transfer credits.

There was sentiment that the oral requirement for a plan C M.S. degree and for a distance education M.S. degree, be dropped. This issue was referred back to the Graduate School of consideration.