Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)

Minutes of January 13, 2010 Meeting

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Florida Atlantic University

College of Education

OASS Conference Room

12:00pm-2pm

Members Present: Deborah Floyd, Susannah Brown, Carlos Diaz, Greg Brigman, Valerie Bryan, Mary Lou Duffy.

I. Call to order conducted by Deborah Floyd, chair.

II. Graduate Faculty Applications

Action: Motion to approve Graduate Faculty Status B for Eliah Watlington by Susannah Brown, seconded by Mary Lou Duffy, approved by all present. Retroactive to December 2009, since application was sent in before December 31, 2009.

Action: Motion to approve Graduate Faculty Status A for Robert Shockley motion by Susannah Brown, seconded by Carlos Diaz, approved by all present. Retroactive to December 2009 since their applications were in prior to Dec. 31st.

Action: Two applications deferred for the next meeting pending supporting documents. GPC member for the applicants' department will notify applicants of missing documents.

III. FAU Graduate Governance Document and COE and FAU Graduate Faculty Status

A. Graduate Faculty Emeritus needs to be added to the Draft COE Criteria document.

B. Renewable terms reference needs to be added to the Draft COE Criteria document.

C. Greg Brigman discussed if each College and program can have their own criteria if approved by the Graduate College. It was discussed that each department has the right to add more rigorous criteria, if approved by the graduate faculty of the department. Feedback from Greg Brigman's department indicated that stricter department criteria should be allowed when deciding chairs of dissertation committees.

D. Valerie Bryan discussed whether one book can be accepted in place of the 5 required documents for Graduate Faculty Status. It was discussed to add one book to the list of the required 5 documents for Graduate Faculty Status.

E. Valerie Bryan discussed that all external dissertation committee members should be required to have earned doctorate degrees. Deborah Floyd commented that there are other international degrees that served as terminal degrees. The document should notate that exceptions can be made for external dissertation committee members by the vote of graduate faculty of the department.

F. Susannah Brown discussed that the requirement to serve as chair on dissertation committee limits to Associate and Full Professor. Assistant professors cannot serve as chair of dissertations even if they would like to chair dissertations. Members present discussed that Assistant professors should not be serving as a chair of a dissertation committee. Susannah Brown also discussed the requirement of service as a member of at least one doctoral committee to completion. Members present discussed that the experience is necessary in order to chair a dissertation committee.

G. **Action:** Motion to send the College of Education Graduate Faculty Status Policy Document to the Faculty Assembly Steering Committee, on Friday, January 13, 2010 by Greg Brigman and Seconded by Deb Floyd. All present voted to approve this motion.

   At the Faculty Assembly Steering Committee, Deborah Floyd and Mary Lou Duffy will present the Graduate Faculty Status Policy on Friday January 15, 2010. The date for presenting to the whole COE faculty will be decided at the FA Steering Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm by Deborah Floyd

GPC meeting on January 27, 2010 at 2pm-3pm in the OASS Conference Room. Sub-committee meeting to be held prior to the whole GPC meeting.