

**Graduate Studies Committee/BSOM
Minutes of the February 2009 Meeting**

Present: Drs. Dar, Dudek, Franklin, Kasperek, Murashov, Lehman, Ms. Searcey, Mr. Chappell and Ms. Karschner

Absent: Drs. Moore, Verbanac, and Russo

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 2008 were approved as read. The minutes of the January 2009 meeting were approved with correction to the DSA report. The sentence “However, he was not present at the last meeting.” was removed.

Reports

Dr. Kasperek:

1. The BSOM Ph.D. programs cannot be collapsed into the IDPBS program. The chancellor wants the programs to remain as is.
2. Biology and Chemistry will be working toward their own Ph.D. programs, but will stay in the IDPBS until then.
3. Mr. Vanderpool said the budget cuts would not interfere with recruiting students.
4. The graduate director assessment to be completed by the department chair should be sent directly to Academic Affairs as soon as possible. The deadline has passed and all assessments have not been completed.
5. Program assessments were due in October and Microbiology and Biochemistry’s has been completed. Every department should have an assessment committee, appointed by the Chair, to complete the assessments and forward them to Dr. Weismiller in Academic Affairs.
6. If department courses do not end at the end of the graduate school calendar, inform Ms. Searcey of the end date so it can be entered into the system with the course so students don’t get “I” or “NR”.
7. Dr. Gemperline is working with the Graduate Assembly to determine if the retention and admission requirements should be changed.
8. Admission procedures are moving slowly at the Graduate School. They are down to 3 processors.

9. Dr. Kasperek reminded the committee that graduate school cannot admit international students with a conditional admission.

DSA

The organization of Research Week is moving slowly. Some of the rooms used last year have been changed into offices so they still don't have a room schedule. They are asking for funds from the student government associations for snacks.

New Business

Graduate Student Acceptance:

Dr. Dar requested approval to admit a student with a GRE of 930. He said she is chemistry major and that her application is excellent except for the GRE score. The committee approved the request to admit.

Dr. Franklin asked for approval to admit student who has a 3.71 GPA in Biology and a GRE of 980. She is currently working in one of their labs. The committee approved the request.

The meeting adjourned.