College of Business Administration
Graduate Committee

Minutes: May 2, 2006, 10:00 am, Dean’s Conference Room

Members:
Present: Heather Honea, Murray Jennex, Ken Marino, Mehdi Salehizadeh, Chamu Sundaramurthy
Excused: Rick Gore

Item 1 Curriculum Proposal: Accounting 505
This course proposal, entitled “Fraud Examination,” replaces an identically-titled course previously taught under the Special Topics course-system, Accounting 596. The course will be open to both “senior-level” undergraduates and graduate students. For the latter group, following the formation of teams there will be an additional requirement of preparing and teaching a class session on a relevant topic as well as submitting a written report on it. The committee unanimously approved the course.

Item 2 Graduate Program Proposals
In a written communication, Dean Naughton asked the committee for its evaluation of three separate graduate-program proposals:
(1) A joint JD/MBA program with Thomas Jefferson School of Law. (The CBA has a current JD/MBA program with Cal Western; though it has had a rather minimal level of participation, with 5 current students.) The committee discussed this item and decided to ask Gail for further clarification as to the program’s specific set-up and whether it is intended to be “self-supported” (off-campus) or JD students will enroll in our MBA courses on the campus.
(2) A dual degree program, offering an MSBA in International Business to undergraduate IB students. Ken will provide the committee with the necessary details and specifics. In response to her inquiry, Gail will be informed that the committee would like to be involved with this issue as it evolves.
(3) A specialized MBA (in Life Sciences) for the Gallup organization. This is in preliminary stages of discussion, with another meeting scheduled to take place in May. The graduate committee plans to have a representative attend the up-coming meeting.

Item 3 MBA Assessment, 2005-2006
Kathy Krentler informed the committee chair that the next MBA Assessment Report need not be submitted to the university until Spring 2007. Throughout AY 2005-2006, Heather, with help from other committee members, has been supervising the collection
of the necessary data for assessing GOALS 2 and 3. In luncheon meetings held with students in recent days, they have been reminded of the exact data/information we need, and a few have already submitted the required “portfolio” of work, along with written comments/evaluations of their overall experiences related to GOALS 2 and 3. Others are expected to do so by the end of the semester, with one or two completing the tasks during the Fall semester.

Item 4 Graduate Curriculum
The committee continued its active discussions regarding potential changes to the MBA/MSBA curricula. This important issue will be on the agenda as the committee resumes its regularly scheduled meetings in the Fall.

Adjournment: 11:20 am

Next meeting: Regular meetings will resume in the Fall

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