CBA Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2016, 1:00pm

Present: Karen Ehrhart (Chair), Robert Briggs, Tita Gray, Heather Honea, Marie-Eve Lachance, Nikhil Varaiya
Absent: Damon Fleming
Guests: Kristie Dock, David Ely

1. Ely visited the Committee to discuss a proposal from the College of Extended Studies involving a program in which international students would first enroll in a one- or two-semester program to improve their language and cultural proficiency before entering a graduate program. The target group would be prospective students who have strong academic credentials, but who would be denied admission because they lack language proficiency. Ely and Varaiya indicated that the anticipated number of students that would enroll in this language/cultural proficiency program and proceed to a graduate program in the College of Business would likely be low (i.e., 5-10). Committee members were open to the idea of the program as long as the selected students indeed have strong academic credentials based on our College’s standards for admission (GPA, GMAT/GRE scores, work experience, etc.).

2. Varaiya provided an update on the number of applications to the graduate programs. The Graduate Business Programs office will continue to monitor the number of applications to the programs on a weekly basis through the March 1 application deadline.

3. The Committee continued its discussion of its role in the Strategic Plan of the College, including possible graduate-level online courses and programs. Further investigation is needed before recommending any courses of action.

4. There were no CBA curriculum proposals to review for this meeting.

5. Meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Friday February 19, 2016 at 1:00pm in the Stiefel-Behner Boardroom.