

# Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)

## Minutes of January 8, 2010 Meeting

Florida Atlantic University

College of Education

Melby Center, Educational Leadership Conference Room

11:00am-1pm

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

- I. Call to order conducted by Deborah Floyd, chair.
- II. FAU Graduate Governance Document and COE and FAU Graduate Faculty Status
  - A. Graduate College at the University level, meeting dates have been changed. The COE GPC will conduct a whole group meeting at 12-2pm on January 13, 2010 in the OASS Conference room and sub-committees will not meet prior to the meeting of the whole.
  - B. Today's discussion is directed at Graduate Faculty Status Criteria for the College of Education. The members of the COE GPC will work to write a draft version for all faculty representatives to share with their departments for feedback prior to presenting the criteria to the COE Faculty Assembly.
  - C. The process for approval to Graduate Faculty in the Graduate College was discussed by the group. The criteria document for the College of Education concerning graduate faculty status was discussed. The current document for graduate faculty status in the COE was discussed and an edited version was to be compiled by Mary Lou Duffy and emailed to both Susannah Brown and Deborah Floyd.

Graduate Faculty Status levels A, B, and C for the College of Education were discussed. Susannah Brown discussed the criteria of requiring service on a dissertation committee to completion prior to serving as a chair on a dissertation committee as part of the process for level A status. In order to meet this criterion and reach level A status, some COE faculty must serve outside of their department or college. The GPC members present discussed the importance of serving on a dissertation committee to completion prior to serving as a chair. It was suggested that a clearinghouse of a list of faculty who wish to serve on dissertation committees throughout the COE should be organized and available through the Dean's office for faculty who are chairing the dissertation committees can access faculty who are interested. It was also discussed that in order to reach level A status, faculty must be associate professor or higher. This requirement does not allow assistant professors to chair dissertation committees.

The draft document of the COE Graduate Faculty Status Policy is attached.

Meeting adjourned 12:30pm by Deborah Floyd.