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Submitted by: Robert Fernekes/Graduate Committee

10/3/2011

Motion:

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Rationale:

The first change recognizes the role of both senators and senate alternates and increases the number of elected faculty alternates per unit from one to two. This change facilitates each unit’s representation at Graduate Committee meetings and having a quorum since the alternates are capable of attending meetings in the absence of the elected faculty member of that unit or the SEC appointee of that unit. The second change adds the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and a representative from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness as non-voting members. This change codifies the current practice of the Graduate Committee since the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and a representative from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness have been regularly attending Graduate Committee meetings.
Response:

Minutes, 10/27/2011: A Request for a Motion from the Graduate Committee:
Lockwood (COBA) said the motion had two purposes: One is to increase the number of alternates from one alternate per unit to two alternates per unit because what they do is extremely time sensitive and if they do not have a quorum then they are stopped dead in their tracks. Also, the non-voting members would now include the Associate Dean for the College of Graduate Studies, and a representative from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. The motion was Approved.

President’s Response:

Dr. Keel: Following review of the recommendation adopted by the Faculty Senate at the October 24, 2011, Faculty Senate meeting, as provided in your memo of October 25, 2011, I have approved the motion below presented to the Senate by Dr. Jill Lockwood.

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