

# School of Graduate Studies

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## Graduate Council Minutes November 20, 2008

Members Present: Janzow, presiding; Bertrand, Branscum, Chamberlain, Dow, Gunn, Heischmidt, Jackson, Judd, Kiehne, Koch, Roberts, Zen.

The Minutes of 9/18/08 were **approved**. (Jackson/Chamberlain)

Dean's Report:

- Deqi Zen has volunteered to serve as the graduate faculty representative on the Research Involving Human Subjects Committee.
- Janzow is working on an analysis of various demographic and performance factors for all graduate programs over a several year period to get a better understanding of who our students are.

GSAC Report (Pruett by way of Janzow):

- GSAC will be having a social tonight at River Eagle Distributing in an effort to get more students involved. The group has also developed a survey to be sent to all graduate students in the near future.
- The group is looking at moving to online meetings. Janzow will check into them having regional meetings.

Academic Standards Committee Report: No report.

Assessment Committee Report: No report.

Curriculum Committee Report (Branscum):

- Committee did a survey of approximately 35 institutions to ascertain information regarding dual degrees. Branscum distributed a handout of the committee's findings.

Action Items:

Master of Science: Technology Management revision **approved** contingent upon resolution discussed in regard to Item A and change in IM603 title. (Branscum/Jackson)

Master of Science in Nursing revision **approved**. (Branscum/Roberts)

Discussion Items:

Chamberlain expressed concern about the Initial Study Plans being binding documents and the roles they have in the Degree Audits. Her graduate program consists of mostly elective courses which frequently change during a student's course of study and she wants to be sure this system will make allowances for this. Janzow stated that the degree audit system permits flexibility in curricular change from the Initial Study Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.