Visitors: Morgan-Theall, Phegley.

Reports:
Dean: No report.

Academic Standards (Taylor): No report.

Assessment (Judd): No report.

Curriculum (Heischmidt): No report.

Action Items approved:
- Minutes of November 18, 2010 (Taylor/Athinarayanan)
- Deletion of the Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist/Care Manager Option in the MSN Program (Jackson/Judd)

Discussion Items:

- After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the requirements of new teaching assistants to attend EN600 or GR603 as it now stands including maintaining the stipend. Phegley was in attendance to speak to the need of EN600 for new English teaching assistants and noted that it is a very intense two-week orientation that prepares these students to teach effectively. Eaton noted that he had taken EN600 when he was a teaching assistant and felt that it helped him tremendously.

  McGowan was concerned about GR603 not being part of a student’s program in some cases, and it was suggested that a new course be developed for 0 credit hours for those departments who want their new teaching assistants to receive the training but not included in the graduate program of study.

- Morgan-Theall presented the Graduate Faculty Status Policy Revisions. She noted that the Faculty Senate was in charge of revising the Faculty Handbook and that the major revisions were split between policy and procedures. She indicated that policy changes have to be approved by the Board of Regents whereas procedural changes require only Faculty Senate approval. For this reason, Faculty Senate wanted to move some policies to procedures.
The motion was made to revise the wording on page 5 to “graduate” instead of “master’s” and “specialist’s”. The motion passed, with one opposed. (Taylor/Roberts). In addition, the motion was made and approved to move the line Procedure for Appointment to Graduate Faculty to the top of page 5. (Jackson/Bertrand).

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.