

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Committee
April 13, 2011

Present: Professors DeSimone, Smith Gabig; Ms. Worth, Director of Graduate Studies; and guest Professor Stefan Becker

- Prof. DeSimone called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.
- The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of April 6, 2011.
- In the absence of a quorum, the committee agreed to send the following proposals to the Senate for approval:

Department of Middle and High School Education

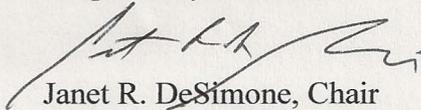
- Changes to the department introductory text in the graduate catalog

Department of Environmental, Geographic and Geological Sciences

- Letter of Intent – Professional Science Master's Degree Program in Geographic Information Science

- A proposal from the Department of Middle and High School Education to offer ESC 757 as an experimental course also was approved.
- The committee briefly discussed the proposal for a dual-degree program in biological sciences, sent yesterday, which did not leave enough time to review for the May 4 senate meeting. If there is a May 18 senate meeting, the committee will work to review the proposal for then, granted they receive it in the next week or so. However, the undergraduate curriculum committee also must approve this proposal, since it is proposing changes to the BA degree.
- In addition, the committee started discussing the issue of allowing graduate credits to count for both undergraduate and graduate degrees and decided that a more in-depth discussion is needed and should be held when more committee members were present.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet R. DeSimone, Chair