



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

Environmental Sciences Graduate Program (EV)

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MEETING MINUTES

12:00-1:00 PM February 24, 2009

CNAS Room 202

Called to order: 12:10 PM

Attending: Brown, Golabi, Jenson, Lander, McConnell, Miller, Wen

Chair: Golabi

Recorder/timekeeper: Jenson

I. Opening Items

- A. Approved minutes of previous meeting, 27 Jan 09, with amendments.
- B. Reviewed agenda

II. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee—M. Golabi reported.
- B. Recruiting & Admission Committee (RAC)—R. Miller reported.
- C. Program & Curriculum Committee (PCC)—M. Lander reported.

III. Actions

- None.

IV. Presentation of items proposed for future action

The following item was presented and discussed:

- A. Recruiting & Admission Committee recommendation to the faculty for approval of revised Program Admission Requirements. Contact person: R. Miller, RAC Chair (rmiller@ugam.uog.edu). (Attachment 1)

Summary: The current admission requirements to the EV Program are vague, and have lead to difficulties in assessing the qualifications of applicants. While outstanding students are easy to assess, it is more difficult to gauge the potential for success of students who have deficiencies in their scientific preparation, and whose grades may be in the 2.0 – 3.0 range. The Recruiting & Admission Committee has therefore sought to revamp admissions criteria, and seeks faculty advice and suggestions on the proposed revisions. The committee proposes that since we currently have three options under the EV degree (biology-ecology;

geosciences-engineering; management) that we tailor our admissions requirements to fit each option. We would therefore require prospective students to identify in their application which option they intend to pursue, and would hold them to the set of admission requirements that fit that option.

Action Sought: Faculty approval will be sought at the next scheduled meeting.

V. Other Business

The following items were informally discussed:

1. RAC gave an informative presentation on the EV website and solicited assistance from the faculty to provide information and photos for the website.
2. Executive Committee led a discussion of the poster that the SVP has requested the faculty provide by 20 March for the WASC poster session.

Decision: It was the consensus of those present that the PCC should lead the effort to prepare the poster, using the poster prepared for the previous visit as the starting point.

Adjourned at 1:00 PM

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 12:00-1:00 PM, Tuesday, 31 March 2009, CNAS 202

Attachments

1. RAC Proposed Revision to Admission Requirements