

Fenn College Graduate Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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ME Conference Room

Present: Hanz Richter (ME), Daniel Simon (ECE), Jorge Gatica (CHE), Ken Keys (IME), Lutful Khan (CVE), Orhan Talu (non-voting, DRE), Giannina Pianalto (Graduate Admissions), George Burke (International Programs)

1 Petitions

1. The particulars of student petitions are omitted from these minutes to protect the students' private information.

2 Discussion and Data on International Student Admissions

The Engineering Dean had asked Dr. Richter to conduct a meeting to discuss ways to improve graduate international student admissions, with the participation of Giannina Pianalto from Graduate Admissions and George Burke from International Programs. Prior to the meeting, Dr. Richter requested data on international applications and admits to the Fenn College from Mr. Burke. Dr. Richter consolidated the data and presented it to the meeting attendees.

In summary, the data shows that CSU's graduate tuition policy places it in disadvantage with respect to comparable regional institutions. All GAC members coincided in that a reduction of tuition for Master's students is the single most significant measure that can be taken to improve international student enrollments in the Fenn College.

3 DRE Assessment Review

Dr. Talu indicated that he must respond to the DRE program assessment review in writing by June 2009. Specifically, the combined list of goals/outcomes in the current document must be separated into goals (general) and outcomes (specific). It was agreed that the GAC members contribute to create the new lists. Dr. Talu is to send a reminder to the GAC members in advance of the next meeting (April 21st).

4 Dropping ESC702/704/706/794 requirement for EEC students

At the previous meeting Dr. Simon questioned the requirement that doctoral students from EEC take a number of credit hours from these courses. Dr. Gatica reminded Dr. Simon that ESC704 is available for

any student to take. A topic with mostly mathematical content may be proposed by any department to be offered as ESC704. Dr. Simon decided to drop his request in view of this information.