GRADUATE PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting #1
Friday, September 26, 2008 EMS E371
11:30 a.m.

Present: Professors Amano, Abu-Zahra, Boyland, Helwany, Petering, L. Ying, Yu (ex officio), Betty Warras (Recording Secretary)
Absent: Professor Armstrong
Excused: Professor Pillai

Interim Associate Dean Yu called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

I. Announcements –
   A. Fall Qualifying Exam – November 13 & 14.
      Thursday – location PHY 133; Friday – location EMS E250
   B. Discussion of offering QE only once per year rather than once per semester. Departments should discuss this possibility and the topic will be on a future GPSC agenda along with QE criteria.
   C. Interim Associate Dean Yu
      1. September 26 deans and department chairs met with administration and faculty at UW Platteville to launch the UWM UWP BS-MS Integrated Program. Official launch date is planned for Fall 2009.
      2. Engineering Physics will be considered as part of the UWM UWP BS-MS Integrated Program with the potential to join CEAS Materials Department. This will be on a future GPSC agenda.

II. GPSC Chair for 2008-2009 – Chair Nominations – Professor Amano accepted the nomination for the Fall 2008 semester.

III. Automatic Consent Business – Minutes of May 2, 2008 – Approved as written

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business –
   A. Course Action Request
      CIV-716 Sediment Transport Change
      Motion/Second (Petering/Boyland) to approve. Motion passed.
      CIV-719 Pollutant Dispersion Processes New
      Motion/Second (Petering/Boyland) to approve. Motion passed.
   B. EE/ME Interdisciplinary Proposals
      1. Concentration on Energy for Master of Engineering
      Move/Second (Boyland/Petering) to approve. Motion passed after minor changes to wording in the concentration.
      2. Energy Graduate Certificate Program
      Move/Second (Petering/Ying) to approve. Motion passed.
   C. Policy on PhD Qualifying Exam – GPSC members are requested to discuss a uniform policy at their department meeting. This will be an agenda item for next GPSC.
   D. CEAS Graduate Program Policies and Information – Uniform guidelines, regulations. Item tabled for future GPSC meeting.

V. Adjournment – 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Warras, Recording Secretary