GRADUATE PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting #1
Friday, October 1, 2010 EMS E371
11:00 a.m.

Present: Professors N. Abu-Zahra, J. Boyland, J. Chen, J. Li, A. Mafi, D. Misra (GFC Rep.), V. Nanduri, Associate Dean R. Perez, ex officio, Betty Warras (Recording Secretary)
Excused: Associate Dean D. Yu
Guest: Professors C.T. Law

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 p.m.

I. Announcements – Professor Misra explained the GFC, GCC committees.
II. Automatic Consent Business – Minutes from Meeting #3 – February 26, 2010 – Approved as written
III. Old Business – None
IV. New Business

A. GPSC Chair for 2010-2011 After nominations and discussion, Professor J. Boyland agreed to serve as Chair and Professor A. Mafi will serve as Vice-Chair. Motion/Second (Nanduri/Mafi) Motion passed by voice vote.

B. The Chair determined that GFC Representative(s) (D. Misra) was not a GPSC member.

C. Qualifying Exam – Student Absent from September 9 & 10 exam. After discussion, presentation of evidence and department support, the committee approved, by voice vote, a retroactive postponement. The student is required to take the February 2011 exam.

D. Qualifying Exam - Cross Department exam – Discussion covered the followed:
   1. Coverage on Day 1 (General); Day 2 (Topics)
   2. Day 2 topics should be approved in advance.
   3. Day 2 should test the student’s ability to pass topic(s) in research area/conduct research.
   4. Nature of the exam implies that a student can take exam anywhere. Final decision should be made by each department.
   5. Student(s) may need an Advisor and Co-Advisor.
   6. GPSC will request a copy of each department’s policy of evaluating exam results.
   7. Spring exam will be February 3 and 4, 2011.

E. Non-Members were asked to leave prior to closed session.

F. September Qualifying Exam Results ~
   The meeting moved into closed session (11:20 p.m.) [According to Wisconsin Stats 19.85 (1) (f).] Motion/Second (Nanduri/Mafi). The motion passed by roll call.
   Motion/Second (Nanduri/Abu-Zahra) that the committee rises from closed session (12:20 p.m.). The motion passed by roll call.

V. Adjournment – 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Warras, Recording Secretary