Members Present: R. O’Quinn, C. Hazelbaker, J. Potter, L. Reeves, P. Nelson, T. Martin, R. Sauders, N. Ridnour, S. Stankavich, A. Abdurizak
Ex Officio/Guests: R. Dalla

The meeting was called to order by R. O’Quinn at 3:11 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2012. T. Martin moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2012. C. Hazelbaker seconded. The minutes of May 9, 2012 were approved.

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda. a. R. Sauders stated he would like to add Graduate Students Access to Computers During Summer to the agenda. This discussion item will be added to New Business.

4. ASEWU Graduate Affairs Report. None.

5. Committee Reports. Members were chosen for the following committees: CPAC 1 – Chair R. Sauders, C. Hazelbaker, V. Pascal and N. Ridnour; CPAC 2 – Chair T. Martin, P. Nelson, D. Mann and S. Stankavich; PDRC – Chair R. O’Quinn, J. Potter, L. Reeves and the student member will be announced after being appointed to GAC.

6. Unfinished Business. Traditionally there is no unfinished business at the beginning of the academic year.

7. New Business. a. Grading Policy. R. Dalla stated he will be meeting with T. Lutey and will have more information about the Grading Policy at the next meeting. R. Sauders stated the provost has some concerns about the grievance process and whether it is fair to the students. He stated there was some talk last year about creating an Ad Hoc Committee that consisted of members from GAC and UAC that would look at the policy prior to it going back to the provost for review. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.

b. Accepting BAS Degrees for Admission for Graduate Study. R. O’Quinn stated this item will be discussed at the next meeting. She stated that some of the community colleges have taken their Applied Science Degrees and ramped them up a notch to the extent they now qualify as a Bachelor Degree. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.

c. Support for Graduate Students (Waivers and Stipends). R. O’Quinn stated that last year R. Fuller made a recommendation to the Graduate program directors and chairs that we need to increase the Graduate student enrollment upwards to 20% between now and 2020 so there has been a push to increase the number of Graduate students on campus. She stated that in having that mandate it requires at the department level the need to think about potential new programs and the kinds of resources they would need to increase the level of student involvement. R. Dalla has suggested the GAC have a conversation about this early in the term so that when the Graduate program directors and chairs meet in late October someone from GAC can address them regarding this issue. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.
d. Support for Graduate Student Travel. R. O’Quinn stated there is a need to increase the pool of money or find additional avenues to get more funds that are available for Graduate Student Travel. The timing of when the funds are available is also an issue. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.

e. Graduate Students Access to Computers and Resources During Summer. R. Sauders stated he wants to address the question about Graduate students who are working on research during the summer not having the ability to log onto the computers or having access to the Library because they aren’t paying the tech fee. R. Dalla stated this is something that PDRC can discuss and talk about a possible policy change. This will be sent to PDRC for review.


b. Administrative Report. a. R. Dalla distributed a Graduate Studies flyer that lists all the Graduate Studies programs. b. He distributed a copy of the DiscoverE magazine which has the research of 4 faculty members that has been presented. c. He will be flying to Lacrosse, Wisconsin, with 4 other EWU members to make a presentation to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Oversight committee because they would like to host the conference here on the Cheney campus in 2015. He stated there will be a lot of faculty and students who would be involved with putting the conference on.

10. Good of the Order. None.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2012.