Members Present: R. O’Quinn, C. Hazelbaker, J. Potter, L. Reeves, P. Nelson, D. Mann, N. Ridnour, S. Stankavich, A. Abdirizak

Ex Officio/Guests: R. Dalla

The meeting was called to order by R. O’Quinn at 3:10 p.m. without quorum. Quorum reached at 3:20 p.m.


3. Additions/Changes to Agenda. a. R. O’Quinn stated that under Unfinished Business Item a. Grading Policy the policy has been received from the provost and can be un-tabled. b. R. Dalla would like to add Item c. Process for Unbanking Graduate Degree Program to New Business. Hearing no objections this was approved.

4. ASEWU Graduate Affairs Report. a. A. Abdirizak reported the Halloween Harvest Festival at Riverpoint was a success. b. A student from Gonzaga University approached the ASEWU to do a communication study for his Graduate program of how well ASEWU communicates. c. They will be holding a massage clinic at the Riverpoint campus for our students this quarter prior to finals week and hopefully at the Cheney campus next quarter. d. Interfaith space is looking bright and they are currently looking at the old Writer’s Center space at the PUB. They are currently holding forums to get information and hope to present the proposal to SUBOC (Student Union Board of Control) soon. e. S. Kerbs is waiting to be approved to GAC.

5. Committee Reports. a. CPAC 2. R. O’Quinn presented the following name change as approved by CPAC 2: BADM 585: Microeconomics of Competitiveness: Firms, Clusters and Economic Development to BADM 585: Strategy, Competitiveness, and Economic Development. This comes as a seconded motion from CPAC 2. Motion carried.

6. Unfinished Business. a. Grading Policy. R. O’Quinn stated they had talked previously about having a meeting with representatives of UAC, GAC, R. Fuller, R. Dalla, M. Baldwin and C. Ormsby to review the Grading Policy and areas that were of concern to the provost and president. She stated R. Fuller, R. Dalla, M. Baldwin and C. Ormsby met and proposed revisions to 1-5 Incomplete (X), 2-2 Grade Appeals, Appendix A – Grade Appeal Procedures and Grade Appeals Board. R. O’Quinn suggested several grammatical corrections to the proposed changes that will come forward at the next meeting for review and approval. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.

b. Access from Cheney to WSU Library – Library Representative. R. O’Quinn asked why students from the Cheney campus can’t access the WSU Library. J. Potter stated it has to do with the licenses WSU has purchased. He stated students and community members at the Riverpoint campus can use the resources but opening the resources to the Cheney campus would open them to conflicts with their vendors. R. O’Quinn stated she would like to see the Library generate some motivation to do something about the inequities with using the Libraries in the State of Washington. She stated it undervalues the education we can offer our students and it isn’t fair. J. Potter stated they do work with other state institutions but given the differences in programs there is bound to be some inequity. R. O’Quinn stated it is fundamentally unfair to the students who are at the Cheney campus doing
their Graduate work to say they have to go to the Riverpoint campus for the needed information. L. Reeves stated we are designated as the main campus and we need to have all the resources necessary here. R. O’Quinn stated T. Otto will be invited to the next meeting to discuss a single portal system.

c. Accepting BAS degrees for admission to Graduate study. R. O’Quinn stated this idea was presented as a topic for discussion to the chairs and program directors and she would like to table this topic. D. Mann moved to table Accepting BAS Degrees for Admission to Graduate Study. C. Hazelbaker seconded. Motion carried.


e. Support Graduate student travel. R. Dalla reported he has committed $9,000 a year or $3,000 per quarter to support Graduate Student Travel to present their research or creative works at conferences. He stated the application can be found on the Graduate Studies website.

7. New Business. a. Electronic Thesis – Digital only beginning Fall 2013. R. Dalla stated the idea is to eventually go completely digital for thesis submission but a discussion needs to be held on when that change should take place. He stated a policy change will need to be put in place as well.

b. GSA’s Teaching Upper Division Courses. R. Dalla stated it was brought to his attention there are GSA’s teaching upper division courses. He asked what GAC members thought about students who don’t have a master’s degree teaching upper division courses at EWU. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.

c. Process for Unbanking a Graduate Degree Program. R. Dalla stated a process for unbanking a Graduate degree program was approved in 2003 by GAC however it wasn’t included in the policy manual. He stated that Dr. Case felt there should be a provost involved in the process so he has changed the language to include the wording: (3) review by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs…. This will be unfinished business at the next meeting.

8. Reports. a. Chair’s Report. a. R. O’Quinn reported Rules will be meeting on Monday, November 19th. b. C. Hazelbaker reported he talked with the chairs and program directors about the need to increase stipends and waivers.

b. Administrative Report. i. R. Dalla reported the Tuition and Fee Committee met earlier this week to start discussions about what to do with the excess money available for non-resident tuition dollars, WICHE waivers and scholarships. ii. The Business Administration program has banked 6 courses until they wish to teach them again.

10. Good of the Order. a. R. Dalla stated he is working hard to get his budget ready to submit on Friday. He stated he is asking the university to set up a pool of money to support students for the Creative Works Symposium and for them to travel to the national conference. b. EWU has been chosen to host the 29th National Conference on Undergraduate Research in spring 2015.
11. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2012.