

**Minutes of the
Graduate Program Committee
October 27, 2005
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Room ED509**

Attendees: A. Lavack (chair)
H. Eger
J. Ito
Y. Kim
G. Miller
D. Senkow

1. Preparing Motions for DEC & Faculty meeting regarding Advanced Standing for CMA/CA/CGA and Direxions

Anne Lavack has not yet completed this agenda item, but the motions and their accompanying rationales will be distributed to the Graduate Committee when completed.

2. Combined Transfer Credit and Advanced Standing Credit

It was noted that the Graduate Calendar is unclear about the maximum amount of transfer credit and advanced standing credit that students may have.

MOTION #1: Students must complete at least 50% of their MBA and MHRM program requirements at the University of Regina. No more than 50% of their program requirements may be fulfilled through the use of transfer credit or advanced standing. -- **CARRIED**

This motion must be forwarded to Grad Studies for approval. If the Grad Studies requirements are found to be more stringent, then the Grad Studies requirements will prevail.

3. MHRM Qualifying Courses / Changing MHRM to 30 credits

The Graduate Committee re-affirmed that the objective of the qualifying requirements for mid-career MHRM students is that they have completed one year (30 credits) of university studies. This must include the equivalent of STAT 151 and one behavioural science course, plus 8 other courses of the student's choosing. The Committee rejected the idea that we specify that these 8 other courses include ADMN 250 and ADMN 260.

The issue of reducing the MHRM program to 30 credit hours was discussed and referred to the group of professors who teach in the MHRM program for further study. It was suggested that there be two versions of the MHRM – a course-based version (10 courses) and a research project version (8 courses + research project). Jack Ito will discuss with the appropriate professors and bring a recommendation / motion to the next meeting of the Graduate Committee.

4. Student Guidelines for GBUS 900

A draft of the Student Guidelines for GBUS 900 was handed out. Committee members should review this copy and provide feedback to Anne Lavack. A final version will incorporate everyone's comments, for approval at the next Graduate Committee meeting. **Note: Revised version e-mailed later that afternoon to Committee members.**

5. Plans for Promoting Winter Course Schedule

A draft of the Winter Course Schedule was provided. This schedule will be printed back-to-back with instructions for self-registration on the web. Copies will be handed out in MBA/MHRM classes, and mailed out to any MBA/MHRM students who are not currently enrolled in classes.

As well, files are being checked to find the exact number of MBA/MHRM students, and to ensure that letters are sent to students who have not been registered for 2 semesters to advise them of the rules about registration/ discontinuance.

6. Unveiling of Kenneth Levene Recognition Wall

Committee members were advised about plans for the November 29 unveiling of the Kenneth Levene Recognition Wall. Current MBA/MHRM students and Alumni will be invited to this late afternoon event. Committee members were asked to hold off on publicly discussing this event or date until it is confirmed in mid-November.

7. Content of Nov/Dec 2005 MBA/MHRM Newsletter

The Nov/Dec 2005 newsletter will be prepared and mailed out in mid-November 2005. It will feature a list of winter course offerings & descriptions, information about the 32nd Annual Business Dinner, and information about the Kenneth Levene Recognition event tentatively scheduled for November 29. Profiles of professors who teach in Winter 2006 will also be featured. Advice was provided by the Committee to upgrade the type of paper on which the newsletter is printed, and to change the type style on the masthead.

8. MBA-CMA Joint Program

Information was distributed via e-mail regarding some of the logistics involved in the joint MBA-CMA program. This information will be distributed to everyone who teaches a relevant course in the MBA program, and their input will be sought. Currently identified gaps in our MBA program are in the area of MIS.

9. Next meetings: Nov. 17, Nov. 24, and Dec. 1

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m.