Approval of minutes from 1-12-15 meeting (no meeting 1-19-15)

Molleda moved for approval, Rodgers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ph.D. files

Treise distributed a list of applicants and the committee determined who will review files.

Update Boot Camp TOEFL

Treise met with the Graduate Dean—he requested an email detailing the request and he’ll let her know the decision soon.

Task Force

The task force has done a SWOT analysis and is making progress toward determining the future of the Master’s program.

MC minor

A number of students have requested a minor in Mass Comm and we have no formal policy for this. In addition to having a professor from this college on the supervisory committee, students pursuing a MC minor need four MC courses. The minor professor can determine the four courses but a minimum of six credits must be non-methodological and should be theoretical or substantive in Mass Communication.

Thesis credit/full committee formation

The Graduate School revised the policy for committee entry in GIMS, allowing only the chair to be entered prior to the entire committee being formed.

Limit on number of years to fulfill Ph.D.

The committee decided students should be allowed a maximum of four years from the time they start the Ph.D. program until they take the Qualifying exams.

Information Items

Molleda reported that he and Weigold attended a recent Graduate Council meeting to explain the need for the EXADEP exam to replace the GRE and TOEFL for the Spanish version of the online Master’s in PR. The Graduate Council will evaluate and get back to them. A search (probably internal) for a director of the English version of the program will begin soon.

ATTENDING: Treise, Goodman, Kelleher, Molleda, Ostroff, Rodgers, Selepak, Spiker, and Hedge.