The Graduate Committee reviewed Ph.D. applicant files.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Graduate Coordinators—Treise will meet with Kiousis this week to discuss the Graduate Coordinator duties/compensation.

Students from English-speaking universities/countries—the current requirement that a doctoral student’s Master’s degree must be from an English-speaking university or country will remain in effect.

GRE Requirements/writing portion—it was agreed that the following statement should be included on our web site for Master’s and Doctoral applicants, “**GRE writing scores are subject to consideration.**”

Requiring Statistics for Ph.D. students—all doctoral students must have at least one graduate-level statistics class—taken while a Master’s student or during their doctoral studies.

C Grades/3.0 GPA—Treise reported that she was asked by Dr. Bradley of the Graduate School to review our policy of students being placed on probation for any grade below B minus. They are concerned that the policy is too harsh and too many students are being placed on probation/suspension and many are losing assistantships. There is also some concern about grade inflation. It was suggested that a C grade be allowed if the cumulative GPA is 3.0 or above.

Questions were raised about where the lower grades are coming from—within our College, outside our College, in Core classes, or in electives? Treise will follow up to determine where the C grades are coming from.

Treise will send the Ph.D. application info out.

ATTENDING: Treise, Armstrong, Calvert, Ferguson, Goodman, Ostroff, Pisani, Wanta and Hedge.