



# Graduate Studies Committee

June 24, 2009

1:00PM – 2:00PM

Dean's Conference Room (4303, HPNP)

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**Guests:** None

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## AGENDA TOPICS

- + Accept Minutes – from the March 17, 2009 meeting
- + Residency Status
- + Graduate School Policy Changes
- + International Students' Writing Skills Policy Change
- + Statewide MS Degree Initiative to Produce Advanced Work Force for Florida's Employers
- + Fall TA Assignments



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Minutes from June 24, 2009

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**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Dr. Ken Sloan (MC)

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- ✚ **Accept Minutes:** Meeting was opened at 1:00pm in room 4307 with the minutes from the March 17, 2009 meeting being approved as recorded. There was no meeting in April or May.
- ✚ **Residency Status:** Effective July 1, 2009, students who are not funded on state money must be a resident for one full year before being able to apply for residency status.
- ✚ **Graduate School Policy Changes:** Due to a decrease in staff, The Graduate School will be required to enforce strict adherence to all deadline published in the Graduate Catalog. With the assistance of each academic unit, students are ultimately responsible for making sure all requirements have been met by the deadline. All guidelines and deadlines can be found on the Graduate School's website.
- ✚ **International Student's Writing Skills Policy Change:** The Graduate Council policy requires that international students meet a minimum score of 320 on the verbal portion of the GRE, and a minimum score on one of the following English language skills tests: 6 on IELTS, 77 on MELAB, 213 on Computer TOEFL, 80 on Internet TOEFL, or 550 on Paper. If the student does not pass or needs additional help it is then up to the department or student to fund any classes or workshops that are needed. This new policy became effective Spring 2009.
- ✚ **Statewide MS Degree Initiative to Produce Advanced Work Force for Florida's Employers:** Florida's state universities and other higher education institutions as well as industry and government leaders met to discuss the development of new statewide Professional Science Master's (PSM) Programs designed to produce a work force critical to Florida's economic development. The goal is to get students who graduate here in Florida to stay in Florida and start out in middle management.
- ✚ **Fall TA Scheduling:** Fall TA Assignments are due to Debbie **no later than July 21** for final approval at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm