MINUTES

Members Present:  William Karpus (chair), Duncan Carlsmith, Mary Louise Gomez, Robert Howell, Lisa Martin, Susan Thibeault

Staff: Marty Gustafson, Daniel Kleinman, Jennifer Martin, Ray Vanderby

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introduction:

The minutes from the December 18, 2015 GSAPC meeting were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Information Items:

1. Dean Karpus shared a brief update regarding expected changes to graduate student assistantship rates in Summer 2017.

2. Dean Karpus noted that the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration had approved a 2% stipend rate increase for graduate assistantships for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Discussion Items:

1. Dean Karpus led discussion regarding the approval process and key areas of evaluation for new degrees, majors and named options. The GSAPC agreed that the “Notice of Intent” stage of a new degree proposal is the appropriate time for the GFEC to detail any concerns regarding the proposal, so that the program may make improvements before the matter returns to GFEC for approval of a “Full Authorization” proposal. The GSAPC further agreed that if there were significant areas of concern regarding a new degree before the Notice of Intent stage, the Dean of the Graduate School should engage with the school/college regarding the new degree program in advance of GFEC consideration.