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Minutes
Graduate Council USFSP
February 4, 2014
Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

Members Present: Hemant Merchant, Michiko Clutter, Tina Neville, Donna Knudsen, Kristin Lohr
Ann Marie Gunn (for Zafer Unal)

Guests: Alison Watkins, Associate Dean, College of Business
Eric Douthirt, Assistant Director, MBA Program

Chair Hemant Merchant (HM) requested mandatory attendance for all members.
Chair HM requested one inclusive vote for all new courses being presented at this meeting.

Dr. Watkins and Mr. Douthirt presented the requested changes to the current MBA Essentials program. In an effort to better track students who have been accepted into the MBA program but have not started their course work, they are requesting the MBA Essentials courses be changed to zero credit 5000 level courses. The content of the courses, which have been in effect since 2004, is not being changed and they will remain as S/U (pass/fail). The reasoning behind the change is to better reflect transcript records and to keep students on a pace to finish degree without continued deferment. The committee asked questions to Dr. Watkins and Mr. Douthirt and received their responses/clarifications.

The requested changes to ACG 5004, ACG 5005, ECO 5004 and ECO 5005 will be postponed until a later date since these courses are not currently being offered in the MBA Essentials.

Donna Knudsen raised questions regarding the varying passing levels of 70% and 80% and the 5000 level designation. Dr. Watkins agreed to provide clarification and/or justification for these concerns. At that time the Graduate Council will either reconvene to vote or vote by email on the requested changes along with accepting the minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.