

Graduate Faculty Council

IVN Meeting

31 May 2013

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GFC Members: E. Houde, A. Elmore, M. Castro (representing R. Gardner), Feng Chen, R. Jagus, J. Schmidt, Ming Li, J. Davis (by telephone).

Others: F. Moser, R. Hill, T. Miller, E. Kropp (by telephone), D. Nemazie (by telephone), M. Forsyth.

The meeting was convened at 3:00 PM and chaired by E. Houde, Vice President for Education. The agenda centered on the Accreditation Readiness Report (ARR) that is being prepared for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE).

Ed Houde went over the accreditation process and a timeline proposed by UMCES in its bid for accreditation. The ARR is scheduled for submission to MSCHE by mid-July 2013.

The ARR addresses the Commission's 14 standards and the degree of compliance determined in a self-evaluation by institutions seeking accreditation. To conduct this evaluation, an Accreditation Readiness Team (ART) and three Working Groups were proposed. The ART (co-Chairs E. Houde and E. Kropp) will serve as an oversight committee for the ARR and also will address Standards 1 and 2. WG 1 (Chair E. Kropp) will address standards 3-7 (Institutional Context). WG 2 (Chair A. Elmore) will address Standards 8-10 (Educational Effectiveness) and WG 3 (Chair Ming Li) will address Standards 11-14 (also Educational Effectiveness). Ed Houde will contact the proposed members of the ART and WGs to confirm their willingness to serve.

The ARR template, its components, and approach to completing it were discussed.

The ART and WG draft reports are to be completed and submitted to the ART for review by 8 July 2013. The ARR will be completed by 15 July 2013 and submitted to MSCHE.