

MSE-PD Council – March 17, 2011

Present: Zbikowski, Johnson, Mason, O'Brien, Peters, Schroeder, Hohenshell, Witte

1. Approval of minutes – approved
2. Approval of agenda – approved
3. Discussion surrounding the idea of creating tracks (submitted by [Pat Shaw](#) and [Steve Albrechtsen](#)) for our graduate students and whether that particular curricular change was necessary to make the Capstone experience better and/or provide more clarity regarding the project expectation(s).
  - Feedback
    - Does suggested outline(s) of the capstone experience essentially change what we can already do?
    - When would students get the information necessary to select a track and would they know early enough in their personal process to get the proper course work?
    - Is it necessary to create tracks if we change the midpoint course and capstone course to 3 credits each?
    - Motion (Peters/Mason) to remove the 1 credit advising requirements and change the midpoint course and capstone course to 3 credits.
      - Approved
    - MSE-PD committee would like to work with the instructors of 780, midpoint, and capstone courses to streamline the material and/or expectations for each course.
4. Committee members are encouraged to bring in suggestions for name changes for the midpoint course and Capstone, as well as content suggestions for each.
  - Goal is to define Capstone integrating the description we have and the information provided in the proposal presented by Dr. Albrechtsen.
  - As well as clarify where students will get the knowledge and preparation.
    - There is an on-line orientation for the cohort groups.
    - John is looking into how this could be used for all students.