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RE: 200-45 Review: GSM Registration and Payment System

The Graduate School of Management is proposing development of a Registration and Payment System.

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate forwarded the referenced proposal to all divisional standing committees as well as Faculty Executive Committees within each college/professional school. Comments were received from Graduate Council, the Academic Senate Committee on Information Technology and the Committee on Planning and Budget.

Majority Consensus: Both GC and CPB oppose the project unless it is guaranteed that data can be transferred between the GSM database and Banner (SIS). Additionally, CPB rests their approval on an additional requirement: that the new system should be web-based and platform independent.

Graduate Council

Graduate Council has a significant concern and it is raised by GSM itself: "The most significant risk associated with this project is the need to transfer data between the GSM database and Banner (SIS). If this data transfer cannot be accomplished, then significant redundant data entry may be required in each system." Data transfer between the GSM database and Banner (SIS) must be precondition for approval of deployment of the project. In the absence of assurances that this integration will be possible and will receive a high priority in the implementation, Graduate Council opposes the project.

Academic Senate Committee on Information Technology

The CIT agrees with this proposal, which documents clearly the specific needs of GSM with regard to information technology, fee payment, and student information, while at the same time coordinating with existing campus IT systems. A few recommendations were made:

- 1) take into account the cost of training staff to use the new system;
- 2) obtain feedback during the development from users to assure user-friendliness;
and
- 3) include provisions for further improvements/bug fixes after the release of the 1.0 version.

Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB)

CPB has reviewed the "GSM Registration and Payment System". CPB agrees with Graduate Council that "Data transfer between the GSM database and Banner (SIS) must be a precondition for approval of deployment of the project." In addition, CPB feels that any new system should be web-based and platform independent. CPB opposes any project that does not adhere to these conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda F. Bisson".

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