MINUTES:  School of Professional Studies Meeting, August 21, 2009, 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  Dean Ehrlich, Dr. Asmussen, Ms. Edris, Dr. Galardi, Dr. Gardner, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Mr. Griffin, Dr. J. Grotrian, Ms. S. Grotrian, Dr. Hutchison, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Snyder, Mr. Wray

GUESTS:  President Hanson, Dr. Seay

1.  Dean Ehrlich introduced himself and Dr. Kelli Gardner.  Dr. Gardner is an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Sociology.

2.  Dean Ehrlich invited President Hanson to the meeting.  President Hanson clarified the areas of study covered by the School of Professional Studies and expressed pleasure in the excitement of the beginning of the new school year.

   Department members discussed with Dr. Hanson areas of pride and areas of concern that they have about the College condition.
   a.  New WiFi has been installed on the campus.
   b.  WiFi use restricted to those signing for accounts
   c.  Student involvement on campus
   d.  Engaging students in a variety of ways
   e.  Suggestion for Masters of Public Safety
   f.  Allowing full-time faculty to have overloads
   g.  Accounting classes for on-campus students – more than just Fridays
   h.  Pricing online classes at premium-to drive students back to the classroom
   i.  Improving faculty relationships with online students
   j.  Having face-to-face classes always available for campus students not interested in taking online classes
   k.  Stressing good qualities of school other than being low in cost
   l.  International Experience to Australia – Dr. Asmussen
   m.  PSC student success in business strategy game competition (Mr. Jackson’s Policy class)
   n.  As computers need replacement consider purchasing laptop/projector combinations for faculty members giving them the ability to make presentations and to easy access to interact with the public.
   o.  More IT support and less control

3.  Dr. Greg Seay visited with meeting attendees to give an update of activity in Graduate Studies.
   a.  Classes 660 and 661 for the MSOM are full (30 each).
   b.  Because classes are full, undergraduate enrollment in graduate classes is limited; a faculty recommendation is required.
   c.  A monthly letter - GIFT (Graduate Information For Today) is being sent to graduate students.
   d.  The online Graduate School Catalog has been made more user friendly.
   e.  Ms. Staples is collecting information on textbooks for the spring term.
   f.  There will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday meetings – Education and Business together to discuss online practices.
   g.  The rotation for Graduate Studies is complete every other year.
The Human Resources will be offered during the Summer.

Nine hours will be full time for financial aid in the Summer.

Dean Ehrlich inquired about summer projects, publications, conferences and other professional activities.

Dean Ehrlich asked faculty members to keep Professional Studies informed of upcoming or current conferences and research.

Dean Ehrlich will be speaking at the Adult Learners Orientation on August 22, 2009. Sixty-eight students will be attending.

Faculty members were asked to forward information about their committee assignments and the dates that their services on the committees will be completed.

Faculty members should visit with Dean Ehrlich about their class preferences for teaching during Spring 2010.

There will be an All college Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the College Theatre.

A Welcome Back Reception is scheduled for August 27th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m in the Library.

A reception for invited guests is scheduled for August 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sara Crook.

Dean Ehrlich advised that we need to talk about what we do right and not to stress what we do wrong.

Dean Ehrlich indicated that a review of enrollment numbers of Professional Studies majors indicates a six percent increase in the total which includes the minors – making the total close to 1,000 if one allows a minus of 150 in consideration of minors.

Meeting was adjourned.