MINUTES Graduate Studies Committee February 9, 2011

Present: Professors DeSimone, Lebbon, Smith Gabig; Ms. Worth, Director of Graduate Studies

- Prof. DeSimone called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.
- The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of November 22, 2010.
- In the absence of a quorum, the committee agreed to send the following proposal to the Senate for approval:

Department of History

- New course HIW 726: History of Africa to 1800
- Also, the committee discussed at length two experimental course proposals (ESC 504 and 505), submitted by the Department of Middle and High School Education (MHSE). However, the committee voted not to approve these courses, at this time, since we had too many questions on the courses' content and the role these courses would play within the MHSE curriculum. A representative of MHSE was provided with detailed questions and/or comments. He was asked to share this feedback with his department, so they could all reflect again on these courses, and he was invited to join us at our next meeting to answer our questions.
- Prof. Smith Gabig, who was voted to represent the graduate studies committee on the newly created Senate's ad hoc committee on structure, shared information from the first meeting of this committee.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
- The next meeting of the graduate studies committee is Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Carman, B33A.
- Let it be noted that although Dean Eldridge and Professor Bullaro were not able to attend the meeting, they did provide Prof. DeSimone with constructive feedback and their vote on the proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet R. DeSimone, Chair