Doctoral Advisory Committee Minutes October 1, 2007

Present: Muehsam, Conroy, Edmonson, Klespis, Olson, Price, Titterington, Watts

- I. Approve Minutes Minutes from the meeting of September 10, 2007 were approved.
- II. Self-studies Manual

The finished self-studies manual must be ready for approval by the end of Fall 2007 semester. The College of Criminal Justice has volunteered to use the manual to conduct their self-study in Spring of 2008.

There was discussion regarding the process of selecting the off-site teams for self-studies. (How do we select the team? What peer schools and/or aspiration schools do we select?) A sub-group of the Doctoral Advisory Committee will meet to discuss these and other concerns, such as the issue of payment to members of the team (honorarium and/or travel). The sub-group will report suggestions to the Committee at a future meeting. The sub-committee will consist of Drs. Muehsam, Edmonson, Price, and Tittterington.

III. Miscellaneous

There is concern regarding students selecting minors in which none or only some of the requirements/prerequisites for that program have been met. This issue will be presented to the Graduate Council for discussion .

Dr. Olson expressed concern for students in the on-line Military History program and the thesis/dissertation requirements of them by the Library. The issue is the perception that online students cannot submit all of their thesis material in an electronic format and are being required to have material delivered to the library. The appropriate personnel from the Library will be invited to attend a Graduate Council meeting and discuss the possibilities in assisting these students with the review and finalization of their thesis/dissertations.