Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 @ 3:01 pm to 3:40 pm
Location: Giolas Conference Room
Subject: Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council (EC-GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary
Attendees: Victoria Blodgett (Ex Officio), Sylvain Deguise, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Joseph Loturco, Etan Markus, and Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio, Secretary)
Absent: Jane Gordon, Charles Mahoney and Lynn Puddington
Guests: Adam Zweifach

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Dean Holsinger called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC for February 22, 2017 at 3:01 pm.

2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Holsinger introduced the minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting of the EC-GFC. There was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. Agenda item number two (2) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.

3. Agenda item number three (3) – Presented for consideration and voting – Professional Master’s Degree Program in Applied Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Adam Zweifach presented the new academic degree proposal and answered questions from the committee. After a brief discussion there was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present with minor edits. Agenda item number three (3) was passed without dissent by a show of hands.

4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting – Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading of CE 5010. A very brief discussion ensued. There was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. Agenda item number four (4) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.

5. Agenda item number five (5) – New Business, Updates and Announcements.
   a. The meeting with Interim Provost Teitelbaum is planned for April. The Emerging Scholars Travel Award proposal is one of several items to be discussed.
   b. The cut to the budget for the next academic year is slightly less than what was originally thought. This, however, will depend on collective bargaining agreements.
   c. The University has reached an agreement with the Graduate Assistant union regarding summer employment.

6. There was a motion offered for adjournment which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm with 9 members and 1 guest present.

7. The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in the Giolas Conference Room.