

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 @ 3:04 pm to 4:55 pm

Location: Dodd Conference Room 162

Subject: Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council (EC-GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Richard Bass, Victoria Blodgett (Ex Officio), Maria-Luz Fernandez, Jane Gordon, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio, Secretary) and Lynn Puddington

Absent: Sylvain Deguise and Joseph Loturco

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order Dean Holsinger called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC of October 28, 2015 at 3:04.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Introductions of guests were made: Kyle Baumbauer, Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Afshin Ghiaei, James Green, Adam Rabinowitz, Del Siegle and John Volin.
3. Agenda item number three (3) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Holsinger introduced the minutes of the September 30, 2015 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 three (3) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting by James Green – (Modified) *Change M.A. in Psychological Sciences (and all sub-areas of concentration) to M.S. in Psychological Sciences*. Proposed change from M.A to M.S. will not change curriculum. After a brief discussion, Charles offered a motion, which was seconded by Maria-Luz, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. Motion included change in name of Ph.D. Field of study to Psychological Sciences. **Agenda item number four (4) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for consideration and voting by Del Siegle – (Name Change) from *Gifted and Talented Education* to *Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent Development*. After a brief discussion, Charles offered a motion, which was seconded by Jane, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number five (5) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
6. Agenda item number six (6) – Presented for consideration and voting by Adam Rabinowitz – (Name Change) From *Agricultural and Resource Economics* to *Applied and Resource Economics*. After a discussion, Charles offered a motion, which was seconded by Mitch, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number six (6) was passed conditional upon Economics offered by CLAS, not the Business Department. Dean Holsinger will check with the Business School.**
7. Agenda item number seven (7) – Presented for consideration and voting by Robert Bird – (New Certificate) *Graduate Certificate Program in Corporate and Regulatory Compliance*. After a brief discussion, Maria-Luz made a motion, which was seconded by Richard, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number seven (7) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
8. Agenda item number eight (8) – Presented for consideration and voting by Kyle Baumbauer – (New) *Pain Management Certificate*. After a brief discussion, Charles made a motion, which was seconded by Richard, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number eight (8) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**

9. Agenda item number nine (9) – Presented for consideration and voting by Afshin Ghiaei – (New) *Power Engineering Certificate*. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Charles, which was seconded by Mitch, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number nine (9) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
10. Agenda item number ten (10) – Presented for consideration and voting – (New) *Master’s Degree in Energy and Environmental Management (MEEM)*. After a brief discussion, Etan made a motion, which was seconded by Richard, and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number ten (10) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
11. Agenda item number eleven (11) – New Business, Updates and Announcements. Dean Holsinger headed up a lively discussion regarding the Doctoral Dissertation Travel Award. Some of the highlights, as outlined by Etan Markus, are as follows:

Budget – 350k

Criteria:

- Only advanced students with 30+ credits
- Must be the primary/presenting author
- Must be at a “higher level” conference (regional/national/international professional conference)

Benefits for UCONN:

Graduate students presenting their research/product are ambassadors for UCONN and increase our exposure and name recognition

- Influences grant panel members
- Affects the university ranking (e.g. US News & World Report rankings)
- Increases collaboration between institutes

Benefits for Student:

Important tool for job placement

- Resume builder
- Opportunity for serious networking (based on product presentation)
- Provides experience in presenting
- Increases collaboration between institutions

12. There was a motion offered for adjournment, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 with 10 members and 8 guests in attendance.
13. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in the Giolas Conference Room.**