

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 @ 3:02 pm to 4:05 pm

Location: Giolas Conference Room

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

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

Absent: Mitchell Green, Joseph Loturco (sabbatical), and Charles Mahoney (sabbatical)

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1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Dean Kent Holsinger called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC of April 20, 2016 at 3:02 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Introductions of guests: Aynsley Diamond, Peter Diplock, Joerg Graf, Suzanne Lafleur and Zita Lazzarini.
3. Agenda item number three (3) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Kent Holsinger introduced the minutes of the March 30, 2016 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 – *Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*. Agenda item number four (4) was presented by Zita Lazzarini. After a brief discussion 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 on a voice vote.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for consideration and voting – *MCB 5491 Seminar: Grade Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory*. Agenda item number five (5) was presented by Joerg Graf. After a brief discussion there was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number (5) was passed without dissent on a voice vote.**
6. Agenda item number (6) – Presented for consideration – *Certificate in College Teaching and Instruction*. Agenda item number six (6) was presented by Aynsley Diamond, Peter Diplock and Suzanne Lafleur. The certificate is pre-existing but has been taken over by a different group of faculty members who have made significant changes. Voting was not required on the changes. The presentation was for informational purposes.
7. New business, updates and announcements.
  - The “Not Anymore” online training has been going well. Ninety percent (90%) of all GA’s have completed the required training.
  - The CGS ProQuest dissertation competition for Math, Physics, Engineering and Social Science is due on July 1, 2016.
  - The committee looking at the graduate faculty status led by J.C. Beall has added new members Gerald Dunne, Ivy Alexander, Mark Boyer and Scott Brown. The committee will broaden their scope to include what are the rights and responsibilities of being a member of the GFC.
8. 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 4:05 with 10 members and 5 guests present.
9. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in the Giolas Conference Room.**