

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 @ 3:07 pm to 5:00 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, Jane Gordon, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Joseph Loturco, Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus and Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio, Secretary).

Absent: Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, and Lynn Puddington

Guests: Edna Comer, Kathy Segerson, Duke Kao and Chris Vials

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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 for October 26, 2016 at 3:07 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Holsinger introduced the minutes of the September 28, 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 two (2) was passed without dissent by a show of hands.**
3. Agenda item number three (3) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Realigning Areas of Concentration within the Social Work Field of Study (MSW)*. Agenda item number three (3) was presented by Edna Comer. 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 three (3) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting – *PhD Certificate in American Studies*. Agenda item number four (4) was presented by Chris Vials. After a brief discussion, there was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all with the stipulation that the title of the program be *Certificate in American Studies*. **Agenda item number four (4) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Certificate in Adolescent Literacy*. Agenda item number five (5) was discussed without the presence of Mary Anne Doyle. After a lengthy discussion, the committee of peers of different disciplines is having trouble understanding exactly what this certificate is meant to accomplish. Dean Holsinger will contact Mary Anne Doyle to discuss the situation.
6. Agenda item number six (6) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Master of Science in Quantitative Economics*. Agenda item number six (6) was presented by Kathy Segerson and Duke Kao. After a brief discussion there was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all. **Agenda item number six (6) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
7. Agenda item number seven (7) – Presented for consideration and voting – *5<sup>th</sup> Year MA in Political Science*. Agenda item number seven (7) was presented by Jane Gordon. 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 seven (7) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
8. Agenda item number nine (9) - New business, updates and announcements.
  - a. Barbara Kream wished to clarify that the program she presented in September, *Grad 7932 Directed Studies for MD/PhD Students* is a satisfactory/unsatisfactory graded course.

- b. The committee wanted to know where the Emerging Scholars Travel Award stands in the approval process. There is some resistance from the Provost office to spend more money on travel. He feels faculty members have money in their grants to use for student travel. Ways to prove the necessity of the award were discussed. Further discussion will be required before submission.
  - c. Assistant Dean Victoria Blodgett gave preliminary results of the Graduate Student Survey that was recently sent to students. There were 501 responses out of 943 surveys sent out. She plans to have a meeting with the students next semester to discuss what The Graduate School will be doing with the information gleaned from the survey. She will share the survey and its results with the Executive Committee in the future.
9. 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 5:00 pm with 10 members and 4 guests present.
10. The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 30, 2016 in the Giolas Conference Room.**