



Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Location: School of Business Conference Room 321

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Hector Aguila, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, David Atkin (sub for Mark Hamilton), Janet Barnes-Farrell, Richard Bass (Moderator), Victoria Blodgett (Ex-Officio), Judith Brown, Andrew Bush, Audrey Chapman, Zhiyi Chi, Craig Denegar, Pamela Diggle, Kimberly Dodge, Gerald Dunne, Jon Gajewski, Miguel Gomes, Jane Gordon, Ashley Helton, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Lawrence Klobutcher, Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio) Louise Lewis, George McManus, Lirio K. Negroni, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio – Secretary), Anthony Patelunas, Michael Pettes (sub for Jiong Tang), Mark Robbins, Zeki Simsek, Ranjan Srivastava, Timothy Vadas, and Chuanrong Zhang

Absent: Kari Adamsons, Daniel Adler, Ivy Alexander, Brian Aneskievich, David Benson, Laura Burton, Steven Demurjian, Kelly Dennis (teaching abroad), Manisha Desai, Mary Anne Doyle, Valerie Duffy, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, Mark Hamilton, Bryan Huey, Yulia Kuzovkina-Eischen, Charles Mahoney (sabbatical), Dorothy McCoach, Daniel Mulkey, Gary Powell, Lynn Puddington, Heather Read, Guillermo Risatti, Victoria Robinson, Gregory Semenza, Farhed Shah, Michael Smith, David Solomon, Tammie Spaulding, David Stern, Jiong Tang, Janet Watson and Qing Zhu

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Bass called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for January 20, 2016 at 3:06 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Moderator Bass introduced the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting to the 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 unanimously without dissent by a show of hands.**
3. Agenda item number three (3) – Report from Anthony Patelunas, President of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Moderator Bass introduced Patelunas who reported the following:
 - a. Michelle San Petro is the new Vice President of the GSS
 - b. The GSS has made a resolution to support the Co-Op proposal
 - c. The GSS created a position statement about the library association
 - d. Meeting location has changed in order to telecast and interact with other campuses
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for discussion – Proposed changes to The Graduate Catalog.
 - a. Proposed changes to the hearing procedure are still being refined
 - b. Students arriving as late as the tenth day of classes cause problems for admissions.
 - i. Failure to arrive before the tenth day of classes may result in deferment to the following semester. Dean Holsinger will meet with the Nursing department regarding this since they have a waiting list of students.
 - c. Changes to Dissertation Proposal Forms
5. Agenda item number five (5) – New Business, Updates and Announcements. Moderator Bass opened the floor for discussion of new business, updates and announcements. There was no new business to discuss.

6. Agenda Item number six (6) – Report from the Dean. Moderator Bass introduced Dean Holsinger who stated:
 - a. Graduate Assistants are required to attend Sexual Harassment and Diversity training the same as all other employees during their first six months with UConn. Two or three sessions have already been held with great attendance. There is one more online training for GA's that is tentatively schedule for March.
 - b. Paper copies of the Dissertation and Thesis will no longer be required. They will be submitted online. The Library will no longer bind Dissertations/Theses for the public. They will post alternate binding sites on their website.
7. 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 3:42 pm with 32 individuals present; 5 via video.
8. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 17th in the School of Business Conference Room 321.**