



Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Location: School of Business Conference Room 321

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Hector Aguila, Brian Aneskievich, David Atkin (sub for Mark Hamilton), Janet Barnes-Farrell, Richard Bass (Moderator), Victoria Blodgett (Ex-Officio), Andrew Bush, Kenneth Campellone (sub for Molecular & Cell Biology), Audrey Chapman, Michael Chykowski (sub for Dramatic Arts), Steven Demurjian, Craig Denegar, Pamela Diggie, Kimberly Dodge, Mary Anne Doyle, Valerie Duffy, Gerald Dunne, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Jon Gajewski, Miguel Gomes, Jane Gordon, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Lawrence Klobutcher, Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio) Dorothy McCoach, George McManus, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio – Secretary), Anthony Patelunas, Heather Read, Michelle San Pedro, Kathleen Segerson, Farhed Shah, Zeki Simsek, Erika Skoe (sub for Tammie Spaulding – on sabbatical) Michael Smith, Timothy Vadas, Janet Watson and Chuanrong Zhang

Absent: Daniel Adler, Ivy Alexander, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, David Benson, Laura Burton, Zhiyi Chi, Kelly Dennis (teaching abroad), Manisha Desai, Mark Hamilton, Ashley Helton, Bryan Huey, Yulia Kuzovkina-Eischen, Louise Lewis, Charles Mahoney (sabbatical), Daniel Mulkey, Lirio K. Negroni, Gary Powell, Subhash Ray, Guillermo Risatti, Mark Robbins, Victoria Robinson, Gregory Semenza, David Solomon, Tammie Spaulding, Ranjan Srivastava, David Stern, Jiong Tang, and Qing Zhu

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Bass called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for February 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Moderator Bass introduced the minutes of the January 20, 2016 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 on a voice vote.**
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. Several new constituencies have joined the GSS
 - b. There are 2 new trustees – one from the Law School and one from UConn Health in Farmington
 - c. The GSS has voiced concerns about a lack of information in the Grad catalog regarding Certificate Programs
4. Agenda item number four (4) – New Business, Updates and Announcements
 - a. Catalog Revisions. Dean Holsinger introduced the changes to the graduate catalog. A motion was offered, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number four a (4a) was passed unanimously without dissent on a show of hands.**
 - b. Revisions to appeals and hearing procedures. Assistant Deans Barbara Kream and Victoria Blodgett introduced the proposed changes to the hearing procedure. After a brief discussion the item was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Report from the Dean. Moderator Bass introduced Dean Holsinger who stated:

- a. The library funding that had been reduced has been restored for at least 2 years. The library will identify essential resources and determine what can be substituted. They will try to maintain the continuity of collections.
 - b. A change has been made to the leave of absence.
 - i. If a student has a leave of more than 180 day, financial aid goes into the repayment process.
 - ii. A GA forfeits his/her assistantship by taking a leave of absence.
 - iii. Students need to be made aware of the possible consequences of the leave.
 - c. Any graduating student who wants his/her name in the Commencement Program needs to apply for graduation by March 1. This does not apply to prior conferrals in August or December of 2015.
 - d. There is additional online training titled *Not Anymore* that graduate students must take or their registration will be put on hold for the fall semester.
 - e. The Commencement Committee is looking for nominations for a Student Speaker for the Doctoral Ceremony.
 - f. GA summer salary negotiations continue.
6. 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 4:04 pm with 40 individuals present; 4 via video.
7. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23rd in the School of Business Conference Room 321.**