

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Location: HBL Class of 1947 Conference Room

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Hector Aguila, Ivy Alexander, Brian Aneskievich, David Atkin (sub for Mark Hamilton), Richard Bass (Moderator), JC Beall, Andrew Bush, Zhiyi Chi, Craig Denegar, Pamela Diggle, Valerie Duffy, Lendra Friesen, Miguel Gomes, Jane Gordon, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Lawrence Klobutcher, Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio) Dorothy McCoach, George McManus, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio – Secretary), Lynn Puddington, Heather Read, Mark Robbins, Zeki Simsek, Michael Smith, Timothy Vadas, Janet Watson and Chuanrong Zhang

Absent: Daniel Adler, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Janet Barnes-Farrell, David Benson, Victoria Blodgett (Ex-Officio), Laura Burton, Audrey Chapman, Michael Chybowski (sub for Dramatic Arts), Steven Demurjian, Kelly Dennis (teaching abroad), Manisha Desai, Kimberly Dodge, Mary Anne Doyle, Gerald Dunne, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Jon Gajewski, Mitchell Green, Mark Hamilton, Ashley Helton, Bryan Huey, Yulia Kuzovkina-Eischen, Louise Lewis, Charles Mahoney (sabbatical), Daniel Mulkey, Lirio K. Negroni, Anthony Patelunas, Gary Powell, Subhash Ray, Guillermo Risatti, Victoria Robinson, Michelle San Pedro, Kathleen Segerson, Gregory Semenza, Farhed Shah, David Solomon, Tammie Spaulding (sabbatical), Ranjan Srivastava, David Stern, Jiong Tang, and Qing Zhu

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1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Bass called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for April 13, 2016 at 3:05 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Moderator Bass introduced the minutes of the March 23, 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). Anthony Patelunas was at the state capitol representing UConn at UConn’s Capitol Day, Dean Holsinger presented Anthony’s report.
  - a. The final GSS meeting for the academic year will be held April 20, 2016.
  - b. Scott Jordan, UConn CFO, met with the GSS to discuss a proposal for a \$25 per semester library fee. If adopted, the fees would start in the fall of 2017. He also noted that there will be no increase in mandatory fees next year.
  - c. An entirely new slate of officers has been elected to the GSS for the next academic year.
    - i. President – Chriss Sneed, Sociology
    - ii. Vice President – Matt Parent, Political Science
    - iii. Treasurer – Deppthi Varghese, Polymer Science
    - iv. Communications Director – Jordan Rees, Sociology
    - v. Activities Director – Eric Simning, Agricultural & Resource Economics
    - vi. Parliamentarian – Donyell Hoy, Biomedical Engineering
  - d. The GSS had a successful evening of networking with the Connecticut Young Professionals.
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for discussion

- a. Graduate Faculty Status: JC Beall discussed the review of procedures for obtaining Graduate Faculty status. Criteria for initial appointment, continuing appointment and re-appointment to the graduate faculty was discussed as well as three different groups of graduate faculty consisting of:
    - i. Tenure/Tenure-track/Clinical Faculty
    - ii. Adjuncts/APIR/PIR
    - iii. Jackson Labs/other non-UConn organizationsThe committee will meet in May to discuss their charge. Subcommittees will get as much input as possible over the next several months. They will reconvene in the fall to compile the results, create a draft and then present it to the GFC in January 2017.
  - b. Complaint, Appeal, and Hearing Procedure of The Graduate School: Barbara Kream reviewed the academic hearing policy. There is no change to the policy, simply clearer language consolidated into one place. Due to the change to The Graduate School catalog, a vote for approval of the change was required. A motion was offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number four b (4b) was passed unanimously without dissent on a show of hands.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for voting: Degrees to be awarded in May 2016.
    - a. A motion was offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number five (5) was passed unanimously without dissent on a show of hands.**
  6. Agenda item number six (6) – New Business, Updates and Announcements
    - a. It was noted that Graduate Student Appreciation week was an excellent activity that should continue each year.
  7. Report from Dean Holsinger.
    - a. Compensation practices for graduate students will be the same in Summer 2016 as in past years.
    - b. Applications to The Graduate School have reached an all-time high: over 12,000 applications this year.
    - c. Open-Enrollment for health insurance for Graduate Assistants is open from April 15 to May 15, 2016.
    - d. Today is the last meeting of the GFC until September 2016.
    - e. It was noted that if a department holds an orientation for Graduate Assistants the contract requires that the space be made available for one-half hour afterward so the members of the Graduate Assistant union can meet if necessary.
    - f. Connecticut Commons will be demolished after Graduation in order to construct a new student recreational facility.
    - g. Commencement is being held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for Master's students in Gampel Pavilion and on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Jorgensen for PhD students. Reception prior to the PhD ceremony at the Alumni House.
  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 3:55 pm with 29 individuals present; 3 via video.
  9. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for fall 2016, date and location to be determined.