



Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Location: HBL Class of 1947 Conference Room

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, David Atkin, Janet Barnes-Farrell, Richard Bass (Moderator), David Benson, Andrew Bush, Kenneth Campellone, Audrey Chapman, Zhiyi Chi, Ki Chon, Craig Denegar, Pamela Diggle, Mary Anne Doyle, Valerie Duffy, Gerald Dunne, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Jon Gajewski, Miguel Gomes, Jane Gordon, Mitch Green, Ashley Helton, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Bryan Huey, Lawrence Klobutcher, Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Yulia Kuzovkina-Eischen, Louise Lewis, Dorothy McCoach, Daniel Mulkey, Lirio Negroni-Rodriguez, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio – Secretary), Anthony Patelunas, Phillip Price, Heather Read, Mark Robbins, Kathleen Segerson, Michael Smith, David Solomon, Timothy Vadas, Janet Watson, and Chuanrong Zhang

Absent: Daniel Adler, Hector Aguila, Ivy Alexander, Richard Anyah, Carol Atkinson-Palomba, Sulin Ba, William Bailey, JC Beall, Ronald Beghetto, Samuel Best, Victoria Blodgett (Ex Officio), Georgios Bollas, Judith Brown, Laura Burton, Joanne Conover, Antonia Cordero, Steven Demurjian, Kimberly Dodge, Morgaen Donaldson, George Elliott, Alain Frogley, Mark Hamilton, Victor Hesselbrock, Guillermo Irizarry, Blair Johnson, Jeong-Ho Kim, Alexander Kovner, Charles Lansing, Yizao Liu, Joseph LoTurco, Charles Mahoney, George McManus, Thomas Miceli, Laurent Michel, Natalie Munro, Lew Newlin, William Ouimet, Michael Pettes, Gary Powell, Lynn Puddington, Guillermo Risatti, Victoria Robinson, George Rossetti, Joseph Scheinfeldt, Gregory Semenza, Farhed Shah, William Simonsen, Zeki Simsek, Tammie Spaulding, Megan Staples, David Stern, Rachel Tambling, Jiong Tang, Alexander Teplyaev, Rachel Theodore, Judy Thorpe, Xiuchun Tian, Peter Turchin, Paulo Verardi, Christopher Vials, Epapante Vlahos, Michael Wallace, and Qing Zhu

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Bass called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for October 21, 2015 at 3:00 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Moderator Bass introduced the minutes of the September 16, 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 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 that the GSS would like to bring some graduate students to a meeting with the GFC for a question and answer session. No action was taken on the request at this time.
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for discussion – Electronic only theses and dissertations. Moderator Bass introduced Betsy Pittman, the University Archivist, who presented a request to have electronic only theses and dissertations as the copy of record. She stressed this is simply a change in procedure only. The change would go into effect in the summer of 2016. After much discussion, it was decided that the GFC should reflect on the issue and will take it up again at the November meeting.
5. Agenda item number five (5) – New Business, Updates and Announcements. There were no new business, updates or announcements.

6. Agenda Item number six (6) – Report from the Dean. Moderator Bass introduced Dean Holsinger who stated:
 - a. The new recreation facility proposed for the current site of Connecticut Commons was introduced. A motion was made to request an area for Grad Student use only since the typical Grad Student is very different from the typical undergrad. No action was taken on the motion at this time.
 - b. There is no bus transportation on the weekends for Fine Arts students who have studios on the Depot Campus. This is a major inconvenience because many of the students have no other means of transportation. Assistant Dean Victoria Blodgett has unsuccessfully tried to sway the transportation department to schedule a bus. They contend that the cost is prohibitive.
 - c. One of the suggested catalog revisions involves the complaint/dismissal hearings. It has been suggested that both sides be interviewed at separate times to lower the contentious aspect of the meeting. This also allows the committee to fact find with the student at one time and the faculty at another. Dean Holsinger is asking for more written documentation regarding the change.
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 3:56 pm with 38 individuals present; 4 via video.
8. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in the HBL Class of 1947 Conference Room.**