

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 @ 2:32 pm to 3:33 pm

Location: Giolas Conference Room

Subject: Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council (EC-GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Victoria Blodgett (Ex Officio), Sylvain Deguise, Jane Gordon, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Joseph Loturco, Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio, Secretary) and Lynn Puddington.

Absent: Maria-Luz Fernandez

Guests: Afshin Ghiaei

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Charles Mahoney called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC for January 25, 2017 at 2:32 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Moderator Mahoney introduced the minutes of the November 30, 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 – *Satisfactory /Unsatisfactory Grading on EEB 5110*. 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 show of hands.**
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Certificate & MEng Program in Site Remediation*. **Agenda item number four (4) was postponed at the request of the Engineering department.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Advanced Systems Engineering in Master of Engineering*. The proposal was discussed, there was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted by all members present. **Agenda item number five (5) was passed on a voice vote.**
6. Agenda item number six (6) – Discussion of graduate faculty status. Discussion continued regarding the graduate faculty status draft. Suggestions were made to hone terminology and content. The draft will be presented to the GFC for their recommendations. The document continues to be a work in progress.
7. Agenda item number seven (7) – Issues to discuss with Interim Provost Teitelbaum. The committee agreed with Dean Holsinger’s suggestion to invite Interim Provost Jeremy Teitelbaum to the March or April Executive Committee meeting in order to get his vision on issues such as travel, how to increase chances of UConn becoming a member of the AAU, service free fellowships, his thoughts regarding PhD alumni opting for prestigious jobs other than as tenure track faculty members, etc.
8. 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 3:33 pm with 11 members and 1 guest present.
9. The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the Giolas Conference Room.**