

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 @ 3:01 pm to 3:40 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, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio, Chair), Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Joseph Loturco, Etan Markus, and Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio, Secretary)

Absent: Jane Gordon, Charles Mahoney and Lynn Puddington

Guests: Adam Zweifach

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Dean Holsinger called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC for February 22, 2017 at 3:01 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Holsinger introduced the minutes of the January 25, 2017 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 voice vote.**
3. Agenda item number three (3) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Professional Master’s Degree Program in Applied Biochemistry and Cell Biology*. Adam Zweifach presented the new academic degree proposal and answered questions from the committee. After a brief discussion there was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present with minor edits. **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 – *Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading of CE 5010*. A very brief discussion ensued. There was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number four (4) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – New Business, Updates and Announcements.
 - a. The meeting with Interim Provost Teitelbaum is planned for April. The Emerging Scholars Travel Award proposal is one of several items to be discussed.
 - b. The cut to the budget for the next academic year is slightly less than what was originally thought. This, however, will depend on collective bargaining agreements.
 - c. The University has reached an agreement with the Graduate Assistant union regarding summer employment.
6. 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 3:40 pm with 9 members and 1 guest present.
7. The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in the Giolas Conference Room.**