

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 @ 3:08 pm to 4:45 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, 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

Guests: Thomas Babor, Afshin Ghiaei

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1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Dean Holsinger called to order the regular meeting of the EC-GFC for March 29, 2017 at 3:08 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Presented for consideration and voting – Approval of the minutes. Dean Holsinger introduced the minutes of the February 22, 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 – *Certificate in Addiction Science*. Thomas Babor presented the new academic 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 one minor edit and the agreement that this proposal would be revisited if an online program is desired. **Agenda item number three (3) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Certificate and MEng Program in Site Remediation*. After a lengthy presentation by Afshin Ghiaei it was determined that separate proposals for the MS and Certificate program need to be presented on the appropriate forms with the required information. The Committee agreed that this proposal could not be approved at this time. **Agenda item number four (4) was deferred to a future date.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – Presented for consideration and voting – *Race Ethnicity Politics (REP) Graduate Certificate Program*. Jane Gordon eloquently presented the proposal for the program and answered any questions. There was a motion offered which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all members present. **Agenda item number five (5) was passed without dissent by a voice vote.**
6. New Business, Updates and Announcements.
  - a. The 2017 Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award will be in the fields of Biological Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts. Nominations from participating universities are required to be submitted as a single pdf document by 5 pm EDT on July 14, 2017. Students whose conferral date was between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 are eligible to apply. Dean Holsinger suggested that it might be possible for The Graduate School to create a similar award with money from a fund left by Tom Giolas. Committee members gave verbal approval to the suggestion.
  - b. The April 26 Executive Committee meeting has been postponed to May 3 so that Jeremy Teitelbaum may join us. Several Items were put forward for further discussion with him such as the Emerging Scholar program, grad housing, UConn rankings, etc.

7. 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 4:45 pm with 12 members and 2 guests present.
8. The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty Council is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in the Giolas Conference Room.**