

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Location: Rowe Conference Room 320

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Hector Aguila, Ivy Alexander, Andrew Bush, Audrey Chapman, Zhiyi Chi, Craig Denegar, Mary Anne Doyle, Valerie Duffy, Niloy Dutta, Miguel Gomes, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio), Louise Lewis, Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus (Sub for Heather Read), Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio – Secretary), William Simonsen (Sub for Eric Brunner), David Solomon, Tammie Spaulding, Andrew Wiemer, Peter Zarrow and Chuanrong Zhang

Absent: Daniel Adler, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, J Medhi Anwar, Janet Barnes-Farrell, David Benson, Victoria Blodgett (Ex-Officio), Eric Brunner, Yongku Cho, Casey Cobb, Steven Demurjian, Pamela Diggle, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Jane Gordon, Mitchell Green, Mark Hamilton, Ashley Helton, Doyeil Hoy (GSS), Bryan Huey, Matthew Hughey, Faquir Jain, Stefan Kaufmann, Lawrence Klobutcher, Dorothy McCoach George McManus, Gary Powell, Lynn Puddington, Subhash Ray, Heather Read, Guillermo Risatti, Victoria Robinson, Cristian Schulthess, Gregory Semenza, Farhed Shah, Zeki Simsek, Christina Sneed (GSS), Gregory Sotzing, David Stern, Jiong Tang, Judith Thorpe, Anastasios Tzingounis, and Timothy Vadas.

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Charles Mahoney called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for April 19, 2017 at 3:04 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Moderator Mahoney introduced the minutes of the March 22, 2017 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) – Catalog changes for 2017/2018.
 - a. Admissions – There was a motion offered, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor with corrections. **Agenda item number three a (3a) was passed unanimously on a voice vote with minor changes.**
 - b. Complaint, Appeal, and Hearing Procedures – There was a motion offered, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all. **Agenda item number three b (3b) was passed unanimously on a voice vote without dissent.**
4. Agenda item number four (4) – Graduate Faculty Status. This item has been postponed until the fall.
5. Agenda item number five (5) – New Business, Updates and Announcements
 - a. Resolution – Dean Holsinger read the resolution regarding awarding graduate degrees to those students whom The Graduate School has certified have completed all degree requirements for conferral periods ending in August 2016, December 2016, and May 2017. There was a motion offered

which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all. **Agenda item number five a (5a) was passed on a voice vote without dissent.**

- b. Commencement - The Master's ceremony will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:30 pm in Gampel Pavilion. The Ph.D. ceremony will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Jorgensen Auditorium.
 - c. 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 an endowment fund left by Tom Giolas. Committee members gave verbal approval to the suggestion.
 - d. The policy for compensation for post doc's is still a work in progress.
6. 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 3:43 pm with 23 individuals present; 4 via video.
6. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for the fall of 2017. Dates and location are unavailable at this time.