



Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 3:05 pm to 4:14 pm

Location: Laurel Hall, Room 201

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council Committee (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Ivy Alexander, Richard Bass, Andrew Bush, Jason Charrette, Steven Demurjian, Mary Anne Doyle, Gerald Dunne, Jon Gajewski, Miguel Gomes, Mark Hamilton, Kent Holsinger, Jeong-Ho Kim, Barbara Kream, Louise Lewis, Charles Mahoney, Martha Marroni, George McManus, Vladimir Pozdnyakov, Heather Read, Cristian Schulthess, Kathleen Segerson, Michael Smith, Tammie Spaulding, Judith Thorpe, Janet Watson, and Chuanrong Zhang .

Absent: Hector Aguila, Zhiyi Chi, Victoria Blodgett, Craig Denegar, Morgan Donaldson, Joanne Conover, Kimberly Dodge-Kafka, Pauran Fahgri, Mitch Green, Christopher Heinen Ashley Helton, Kelly Jones, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Jane Anna Gordon, Thomas Kehle, Daniel Mulkey, Shayla Nunnally, Gary Powell, Mark Robbins, Victoria Robinson, Sue Saunders, Anji Seth, Farhed Shah, Mark Urban, and Timothy Vadas, Kumar Venkitanarayanan.

1. Agenda item number one (1) – *Call to order* by Kent Holsinger was presented at 3:05 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – *Presented for voting: Approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2015 meeting* was presented by Richard Bass. The agenda item was moved, seconded, and **passed by voice vote without dissent.**
3. Agenda item number three (3) – *Report from Jason Charrette, President Graduate Student Senate (GSS)* was presented by Richard Bass.
Jason informed the committee of the current bus situation with WRTD and will circulate information on the Graduate School listserv.
4. Agenda item number four (4) – *Presented for Discussion – Timeline and procedures for incoming student awards (OSP/NextGenCT)* was introduced by Richard Bass. The agenda item was open for review and Kent Holsinger explained the concern over deadlines being too late to recruitment.
5. Agenda item number five (5) – *Report from Dean Kent Holsinger.*
 - A. Catalog work to go live in May 11, 2015.
 - B. Announcement of Commencement speaker nominations of finishing PhD students. Please send one page nomination to Victoria Blodgett by April 27, 2015.
 - C. The Hobson contract expires in July and The Graduate School, among other departments, are currently in negotiations with Hobson’s.
 - D. Graduate School Student Affairs Division has started planning Fall 2015 student orientation.
 - E. The University Senate meeting in March included Kent Holsinger’s report about Graduate Education. He will send the GFC the original copy.
6. The next meeting of the Graduate Faculty Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015.
7. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm with 27 individuals in attendance.