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Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Location: Rowe Building, Conference Room 320

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Kari Adamsons, Hector Aguila, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Medhi Anwar, David Atkin, Janet Barnes-Farrell, Eric Brunner, Andrew Bush, Audrey Chapman, Yongku Cho, Joseph Crivello, Stephen Crocker, Steven Demurjian, Craig Denegar, Pamela Diggie, Mary Anne Doyle, Valerie Duffy, Mary Fischer, Miguel Gomes, Jane Gordon, Mark Hamilton, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Lawrence Klobutcher, Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio), Charles Mahoney, Etan Markus, D. Betsy McCoach, George McManus, Barbara Parziale (Ex-Officio, Secretary), Lynn Puddington, Subhash Ray, Cristian Schulthess, Farhed Shah, David Solomon, Timothy Vadas, Andrew Wiemer, Peter Zarrow, and Chuanrong Zhang.

Absent: Daniel Adler, Ivy Alexander, David Benson, Victoria Blodgett (Ex-Officio), Zhiyi Chi, Casey Cobb, Niloy Dutta, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Mitchell Green, Ashley Helton, Donyeil Hoy (GSS), Bryan Huey, Matthew Hughey, Faquir Jain, Stefan Kaufmann, Louise Lewis, Gary Powell, Heather Read, Guillermo Risatti, Victoria Robinson, Gregory Semenza, Zeki Simsek, Christina Sneed (GSS), Gregory Sotzing, Tammie Spaulding, David Stern, Jiong Tang, Judith Thorpe, and Anastasios Tzingounis.

Guest: Yuhang Rong

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1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Moderator Charles Mahoney called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for February 15, 2017 at 3:03 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Moderator Mahoney introduced the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting (postponed from January 18, 2017) of 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 on a show of hands.**
3. Agenda item number three (3) – Visa Compliance Fee. Yuhang Rong, Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs discussed the Visa Compliance Fee which was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 7, 2016. Some points of interest are:
  - The fee becomes active as of the fall semester 2017.
  - The fee is \$350 per semester.
  - All J-1 and F-1 visa holders whose visas are sponsored by UConn will be charged.
  - This fee will be waived for Graduate Assistants per the GA union agreement.
4. Agenda Item number four (4) – Catalog changes for 2017/2018. Dean Holsinger discussed three areas of changes to the language in The Graduate School catalog: Fees and Expenses, Standards and Degree Requirements, and Advisory System.

5. Agenda Item number five (5) – Graduate Faculty Status. The draft of the Graduate Faculty status was once again discussed with changes suggested to the latest iteration of the document.
6. Agenda item number six (6) – New Business, Updates and Announcements.
  - Dean Holsinger announced the approval of the agreement with the graduate assistant union regarding summer employment. There will be 3 titles involved: Research assistant, teaching assistant and other (anyone not involved with research or teaching).
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 4:23 with 38 members present and 1 guest.
8. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for March 22, 2017 in Room 320 of the Rowe Building.