



Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Location: Rowe Conference Room 320

Subject: Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Daniel Adler, Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Medhi Anwar, David Atkin, Victoria Blodgett (Ex-Officio), Andrew Bush, Audrey Chapman, Zhiyi Chi, Craig Denegar, Mary Anne Doyle, Valerie Duffy, Niloy Dutta, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Miguel Gomes, Jane Gordon, Mitchell Green, Matthew Hughey, Lawrence Klobutcher, Barbara Kream (Ex-Officio), Louise Lewis, Dorothy McCoach, Barbara Parziale (Ex Officio – Secretary), Lynn Puddington, Heather Read, William Simonsen (Sub for Eric Brunner), Gregory Sotzing, Judith Thorpe, Peter Zarrow and Chuanrong Zhang

Absent: Kari Adamsons, Hector Aguila, Ivy Alexander, Janet Barnes-Farrell, David Benson, Eric Brunner, Yongku Cho, Casey Cobb, Steven Demurjian, Pamela Diggle, Mark Hamilton, Ashley Helton, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio), Doyeil Hoy (GSS), Bryan Huey, Faquir Jain, Stefan Kaufmann, Charles Mahoney, George McManus, Gary Powell, Subhash Ray, Guillermo Risatti, Victoria Robinson, Cristian Schulthess, Gregory Semenza, Farhed Shah, Zeki Simsek, Christina Sneed (GSS), David Solomon, Tammie Spaulding, David Stern, Jiong Tang, Anastasios Tzingounis, Timothy Vadas, and Andrew Wiemer.

1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. Assistant Dean Victoria Blodgett called to order the regular meeting of the GFC for March 22, 2017 at 3:03 pm.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – Approval of Minutes. Assistant Dean Blodgett introduced the minutes of the February 15, 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. Fees and Expenses – 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. Advisory System – 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.**
 - c. Standards and Degree Requirements – There was a motion offered, which was seconded and the motion was adopted in favor by all. **Agenda item number three c (3c) was passed unanimously on a voice vote without dissent.**
 - d. Admissions – This catalog change was presented for discussion only. Some language needs to be clarified. A vote on this item will take place at the next meeting.
 - e. Complaint, Appeal, and Hearing Procedures – This catalog change was presented for discussion only. After a lengthy discussion, there are several changes that were discussed. A vote will take place at the next meeting.

4. Agenda item number four (4) – Graduate Faculty Status. This item has been delayed until the April meeting.
5. Agenda item number five (5) – New Business, Updates and Announcements
 - a. The Graduate School will be hosting two guest speakers this spring:
 - i. Melanie Sinche, Director of Education at Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine, will be in Storrs on March 30, 2017 to discuss her book, *Next Gen PhD: A Guide to Career Paths in Science*.
 - ii. Cynthia Fuhrmann, PhD, assistant dean of career and professional development in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts will be in Storrs on April 27, 2017. She is scheduled to meet with faculty in the morning; have lunch with department heads; and meet with students in the afternoon to discuss career options, making career decisions, and creating a plan for achieving their goals.
 - b. UConn slid 80 points in global rankings. What does the university need to do to improve? What is the most efficient way to improve?
 - c. UConn is the only public university without grad student housing. There has been work on acquiring more grad student housing. In 2014 there were only 8 beds on campus for grad students. In the fall of 2017 there will be approximately 100 beds in the Northwood Apartment complex. However, family housing is not currently being looked at. It is difficult to attract good graduate students without offering housing. The Council felt it was worth looking into.
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 3:38 pm with 29 individuals present; 3 via video.
7. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 19th in Rowe Conference Room 320. (Please note that this is the last regularly scheduled meeting this year.)**