



Date: Monday, April 13, 2020

Location: WebEx Event

Subject: Emergency Meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) –

Present: Mary Anne Amalaradjou, Richard Anyah, Marina Astitha, David Atkin (Alternate), Christopher Blesso, Karen Bresciano (*Ex officio*), Preston Britner, Yongku Cho, Kenneth Couch, Jose Cruz, Caroline Dealy, Anne Delany, Amanda Denes, Jennifer Dineen, Anna Dongari- Bagtzoglou, Jeffrey Dudas, Valerie Duffy, Amy Dunbar, Niloy Dutta, Megan Feely, Aida Ghiaei, Susan Glenney (Alternate), Mitch Green, Martin Han, Kent Holsinger (*Ex officio*), Michelle Judge, Todd Kravet, Barbara Kream (*Ex officio*), Nicole Landi, Elaine Lee, Jacqueline Loss, Charles Mahoney, Samuel Martinez, Betsy McCoach (Alternate), Jeffrey Ogbar, William Ouimet, Lisa Park Boush, Dan Pejril, Heather Read, Chad Rittenhouse (Alternate), Victoria Robinson, Cristian Schulthess, Kathleen Segerson (*Ex Officio*), Anji Seth, Leslie Shor, Helena Silva, Prabhakar Singh, Victoria Smith, Reed Solomon, Ron Squibbs, Matthew Stuber (Alternate), Helen Swede (Alternate), Steven Szczepanek, Rachel Theodore, Anastasios Tzingounis, Penny Vlahos, David Wagner (Alternate), Xiaojing Wang, Andrew Wiemer, Suzanne Wilson, and Shengli Zhou (Alternate).

Absent: Hector Aguila, Gerardo Blanco, Daniel Bolnick, Zeljko Boskovic, David Gregorio, Nancy Naples, Barbara Parziale (*Ex officio – Recording Secretary*), Richard Sosis, Gregory Sotzing, Jiong Tang, Judith Thorpe, Charles Towe, Mark Urban, Bing Wang, and Edward Weingart.

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1. Agenda item number one (1) – Call to order. The emergency meeting of the GFC on April 13, 2020 was called to order at 3:03 pm.
 2. Agenda item number two (2) – New business – presented for discussion and voting: Motion on P/F for graduate students. The current pandemic has created stress and unanticipated challenges for graduate students. A proposal was presented to allow graduate students to convert classes to P/F or audit with major advisor approval. Details of the proposal, including its implications for transcripts, plans of study, and implementation and deadline were discussed. The following motion was made and seconded:
 - Motion: To temporarily waive the GFC by-laws to allow any graduate student to convert a course taken in spring 2020 from “graded” to either “pass/fail” or “audit”, **with approval of the student’s major advisor (and/or program director)**.
 - The motion passed on a vote of 45 in Favor and 4 opposed.

3. There was a motion offered for adjournment, which was seconded. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.
4. The next regular meeting of the GFC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2020.