Graduate Faculty Council Minutes, 3 December 2014

Present: (from Lauren)

Not Present: (from Lauren)

1. Meeting called to Order by President Newkirk, 12:05pm

2. Roll Call-S. Long

3. November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes
   • Approved (Motion: Landers, Second: Hilmas, Voted and Approved)

4. Committee Reports
   A. PhD Residency Ad hoc: Committee hopes to meet over Winter Break.
   B. Executive Committee: Met with Provost Marley; the Provost is very interested in the PhD residency issue and has asked for regular briefings.
   C. Membership Committee: Revised the Graduate Faculty Application Form to make the process simpler. The committee approved 75 reappointments to the graduate faculty during their 19 November meeting.
   D. VPGS Report (Amended by Dr. Allada, 1/28/15):
      i. Stipend X: the level for Stipend X will be reviewed and approved at the upcoming Graduate Faculty Meeting.
      ii. Strategic Funding: by January, the VPGS hopes to have a process in place for allocating the PhD Recruitment and Retention Funds. Preliminary allocation includes
         a. $100,000 to be used to bring prospective PhD applicants to campus for site visits
         b. 20 New Chancellor’s Fellowships (Domestic Students) with $5,000 Fellowship to be used for conference travel, 0.4-0.5 FTE GRA, and tuition and fees
         c. 50 New GRA/GTAs (Domestic or International Students)
      d. Entrepreneurship Awards

5. Graduate Catalog Revisions, 9 items presented; all voted and approved.
   A. Language reviewed on earning a 2nd MS Degree: (Landers, Weidner; approved)
   B. MS Degree with Thesis: (Long, Hilmas; approved)
   C. MS w/o Thesis: discussion reminded that these are minimum standards (Landers, Corns; approved)
   D. MS Degree for Teachers: (Myers, Weidner; approved)
   E. M. Engineering Degree: (Myers, Landers; approved)
   F. Acceptance of Candidates for PhD: discussion stated that with qualifying exam in the 6th semester, distance students who take only one course/semester might not be ready. VPGS stated that a mechanism is in place to address this issue as needed without penalty to the student. (Long, Liu; approved)
   G. Proposed Program: (Long, Myers; approved)
H. PhD Qualifying Exam: discussion supported the addition of language to show that “clock” starts when the students begins PhD level work to support students who start in the MS program (Myers, Maerz; approved)

I. Qualifying Exam for DE: (Corns, Long; approved)

Meeting adjourned, 1pm.