Graduate faculty Council Meeting
16 April 2014


1) March 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes
   • Approved (Motion: Landers, Seconded: Myers, voted and approved.)

2) Graduate faculty council banquet plan
   • Chair reported the banquet is in the process of being planned. Provost Wray and Former President DuBroff have been informed and looking forward to coming.

3) Electing representatives to the 2014-2015 Research Policy Committee
   • Elected 4 members from graduate council to serve on the committee: J. Winiarz and J. Newkirk volunteered to continue serving on the committee; N. Weidner will replace M. Frances; J. Myers will replace H. Lee.

4) Discussion on residency requirement for the Ph.D.
   • V. Allada (VPGA) reported residency policy for on-line graduate programs from other universities.
   • S. Corns: provided department policy and residency requirement for on-line (blended learning) Ph.D. program from Systems Engineering.
   • P. Worsey: provided information regarding residency policy for on-line/blended learning explosive engineering Ph.D. program. Discussed career path differences between on-campus and distance PhD students.
   • S.N. Balakrishnan and N. Weidner expressed concerns about how to maintain quality of distance Ph.D. programs if residency policy changed.
   • Chair (J. Newkirk) proposed to form a committee to come back with a proposal for new standard for residency requirement for Ph.D. students. Five council members volunteer to serve on the committee: J. Newkirk, P. Worsey, B. McMillin, R. Landers, S. Corns.

5) Course Renumbering concerns (Chair) (Tabled) – No discussion.
6) New Business

- P. Worsely: asked graduate study to look into the template for thesis. Some students have problems with the template.
- V. Allada (VPGA): Requested to have an agenda item in the next GFC meeting to review the graduate catalog regarding student misconduct statement. Currently there is no such statement/sentence in the graduate catalog.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.