Graduate faculty Council Meeting
24 September 2014


Not Present: J. Sarangapani, K. Siau, F. Liou, C. Elrod

1) Roll Call- L. Costoplos

2) April 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes
   • Approved (Motion: McMillin, Seconded: Landers, voted and approved.)

3) President’s remarks
   • If unable to attend, please send a representative in your place.
   • Changes happening this year: Raising awareness, promote attendance, improve communications, more timely information, etc.
   • Looking at off campus get-togethers to encourage group development.
   • Adding non-voting members: Curricula, CGS
   • Initiating new programs, etc.

4) Add Curricula Committee and CGS non-voting members
   • Motion- Newkirk- Adding these members will improve communications between groups. 2nd - Myers. Landers- Rationale? Newkirk- Curricula chair wrote a letter requesting non-voting membership. Better communication. Clarification- one rep per each body. Voted, approved.

5) VPGS- UG Students can take all 5000 level courses.
   • V.Allada (VPGS)- Informational- Much like 300 level courses previously. Making sure all departments are aware of this.

6) PhD Residency Issue- Newkirk (chair of committee)- Update.
   • Committee investigated what other universities are doing. Some abolished residency, some must take on-campus courses, some spilt.
   • Virginia Tech:
     o Traditional on-campus
     o Programs create their own plan
     o Individuals present their plan, program/dept approves.
   • President asked council to get feedback from their faculty about change in residency (see new statement)
   • Discussion: Point was made that distance rooms are currently in short supply.
• President asked departments to email feedback to Lauren and CC Newkirk. Lauren to send out proposed residency wording.

Out of time- additional items will be discussed at Oct 8th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.