Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
140 Toomey Hall
12:00pm Wednesday, October 04, 2017


Chair J. Winiarz called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

Roll call-D. Oerther

1. Approval of minutes from September 06, 2017 meeting. Motion to approve as written: Oerther; second: Insall; approved

2. Committees Reports
   a. President’s Report by J. Winiarz
      i. Ad hoc committee formed and charged to discuss and report back to council regarding current forms. Faculty members: Winiarz, Insall, Flachsbart, Weidner, and Mendoza. Staff members: Matson, Parker, Eddings, and Werner.
      ii. No additional information regarding upcoming search for Vice Chancellor for Research, Dean of Graduate Studies
   b. VPGS Report by V. Allada
      i. Enrollment update
      ii. Degrees awarded
      iii. Recruiting update – events
      iv. Slate refresh and GEM GRAD Lab
      v. Upcoming events
      vi. No additional information regarding upcoming search for Vice Chancellor for Research, Dean of Graduate Studies

3. Graduate Faculty Representatives for Faculty Senate Committees were announced
   a. Budgetary Affairs – J. Winiarz

4. Membership Committee Members
   a. Membership Committee
      i. Two additional still needed
   b. Graduate Faculty Awards Committee
      i. Two additional still needed (one faculty, one staff)

5. Presentation of candidates and conduct of vote by paper ballot for membership and associate membership to the Graduate Faculty. All candidates received a positive vote.

6. Stipend X-2011 comparison report
   a. Motion, “For the purpose of providing information of benefit to the upcoming search for Vice Chancellor for Research, Dean of Graduate Studies, the graduate faculty request that the VPGS
update the internal information regarding Stipend X from 2011 to 2017.” Motion to approve; second; approved

b. Extensive discussion led to the conclusion that; “VPGS Allada should work with staff to collect limited peer information from a small cohort of departments that are representative of ‘larger graduate enrollments’ and ‘larger extramural funding’ to provide an updated baseline”

7. New Business – Initiated and tabled until later time discussion of: 1) existing rule requiring completion of 75% of coursework before starting research; 2) existing rule regarding comprehensive and qualifying exams; and 3) existing rule regarding explicit requirements to complete a minimum number of credit hours of 5xxx, 6xxx, and 7xxx courses

Meeting adjourned by Chair Winiarz, 1:00pm