

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The regularly scheduled fall semester Graduate Faculty meeting was called to order by President Joe Newkirk at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 6 in the Carver Turner Room of the Havener Center.

Present: J. Newkirk (President, MatSE), M. Fitch (Secretary, CArEE), M. O'Keefe (Parliamentarian, MSE), D. Jackson (Registrar), H. Wiebe (Global Learning), Schonberg (CArEE), V. Hudgins (Grad Studies), A. CXrosbie (MAE), N. Maerz (GeoE), B. McMillin (CS), J. Leopold (CS), M. Mormile (BioSci), B. Bai (PetE), C. Mendoza (CArEE), B. Cudney (EMSE), B. Flachsbart (BIT) Y. Lin (BIT), Keng (BIT), F. Montgomery (PsySci), L. Stoll (Enroll Mgt), M. Schulz (Physics), J. Batarick (Global), C. Dagli (SysE), K. Erickson (ECE), V. Yu (BIT), P. Neogi (ChBE), V. Allada (Grad Studies), G. MacSithigh (MSE), S. Matson (Grad Studies), G. Morrison (CArEE), C. Wilson (Grad Studies),

1. Minutes of 30 April 2012 approved
2. Commencement list approved as presented
3. Motion on membership list (as presented) approved (Motion: Flachsbart + Ericson)
4. Motion – “Effective Fall 2013 that professional and scholarly integrity training be implemented for graduate students” (Motion from grad council)

Discussion against the motion noted that it might be a waste of time to train everybody, presumes people are bad, and may be stupid training if it is internet based.

A question was asked on budget for training including student time and impact of failure to take training.

VPGS explained that in many cases it seems that the dishonesty is due to poor citation or knowledge of how to reference, training would be mostly in the area of how to do referencing generally due to innocent-seeming issues, process would be to ask faculty to offer workshops and we have an existing software training to meet NSF & NIH training requirements, budget has not been pondered as yet. This would be one-time training, not annual.

Several members spoke in support that the training took about an hour and was insightful and worthwhile. One member suggested we can require grad students to do it individually;

Motion passed (14-5)

5. Motion – “The admission requirement for a graduate certificate is a 3.0 GPA, which may be calculated as the Bachelor’s degree GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) plus 0.2 per year since the Bachelor’s degree was earned, or to meet current MS admissions requirements.” (Motion from grad council)

Discussion against the motion was extensive. Against the motion, two major themes voiced were:

- Concerns about admission criteria should reside with the department and this is an usurpation of dep’t authority, and
- A graduate certificate is not a degree but rather a marketing tool.

Basis of the 0.2 value was asked, response that the GC discussion was based on time, with five years seeming to be sufficient to be ‘more mature’ than when graduating with 2.0

Currently there is no GPA requirement, bachelor’s degree is required

Certificate leads only to admission in same dept for MS degree

Very positive feedback on certificates according to VPGlobal; also noted the probationary 2.75 standard is unpopular with employers as 'probationary'; 25 students admitted with less than 2.3 into grad programs who have done well but don't know how long they were out after BS  
Motion failed 8-10.

6. Provost asked for Grad Fac representation to Library, need two more: Morrison, Newkirk suggested as representatives.
7. Stipend X: In past have recommended 6% and got zero, last year 6% recommended and 6% given by Chancellor. Many years w/o raises such that net deficit seems to remain compared to other schools; motion to raise 10% (Schonberg, Morrison) discussion on impact not increasing student numbers (same money pool, fewer slots at more cost), concern that large ask = unlikely to be ok. Motion passes.

Continuing to next meeting: Motion - "No course can be counted towards more than one graduate certificate."