

**Graduate Faculty Council Meeting
16 October 2013**

Present: J. Newkirk, V. Allada, L. Costoplos, S. Matson, C. Wilson, V. Hudgins, Y. Lin, P. Worsey, R. Landers, J. Myers, S. Long, S.N. Balakrishnan

Not Present: R. Frank, L. Haynes, G. Hilmas, P. Neogi, J. Winiarz, X. Liu, H. Xiao, G. Gelles, D. Wright, N. Maerz, S. Gao, V. Yu, F. Liou, V. Le, H. K. Lee, B. Bai, R. Dubois, F. Montgomery, C. Dagli,

1) October 2nd Meeting Minutes - Approved (Motion: Myers, Seconded: Long, voted and approved.)

2) PhD and MS research credits. Discussion regarding replacing 490 with 5099 per the new renumbering system.

Motion: (Worsey) Treat 5099 and 6099 identically unless the department decides otherwise. Seconded: Myers. Discussion including the possibility of tabling motion until the next Graduate Faculty Council meeting. Action item: Graduate Studies Specialists to look into what (if any) general statements are found in the Graduate Catalog about campus minimum standards and departments' ability to set higher standards.

Motion: (Long) Table original motion until the next Graduate Faculty Council meeting. Newkirk suggests writing the Council's intentions to the department chairs and asking for feedback. Seconded: Myers. Voted and approved.

3) Needs representatives for special committees for the Faculty Senate (Newkirk):

Budgetary Affairs: S. Long was appointed on Oct 2nd. Needs second rep. Volunteer: J. Myers.

4) Graduate Catalog review (Newkirk):

Presented plan:

1. Office of Graduate Studies can handle the renumbering
2. Use Office of Graduate Studies and graduate staff as resources for developing graduate catalog (identifying problems, etc.)
3. Utilize faculty
4. Newkirk, Allada, and Curricula Committee (Worsey) to collaborate

Notes:

Chair Newkirk will request VPGS Allada to contact Registrar's

VPGA Allada to suggest to Registrar's that the online graduate catalog match the printed version and to create the document as a searchable PDF file.

5) Costoplos (for Allada): Beginning in FS13, all international students will be charged a processing fee each semester. This fee comes out of the International Affairs office and is \$80 per spring and fall semesters and \$40 per summer semester.

6) Costoplos (for Allada): Beginning in FS13, all students will be assessed a one-time graduation fee of \$75.

7) Officer elections:

Parliamentarian- Volunteer: J. Myers. Moved, Long. Seconded, Worsey. Voted and approved.

Secretary- Balakrishnan nominated Lin. Lin accepted. Moved, Long. Seconded, Balakrishnan. Voted and approved.

8) New Business

Balakrishnan: A screening committee (CRR) will be forming to vote on whether or not standards have been met for those students graduating with a degree co-listed with another university. For graduate students, the VPGS and a Graduate Faculty rep will need to be a part of the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Moved: Long. Seconded: Myers.