

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 07 November, 2018, Noon to 1 PM
140 Toomey Hall

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2018, meeting.
3. President's Report
 - a) Some more recommended revision of the GradFac Website are being made to bring them into agreement with the current version of the Rules and Regulations. (for info on this issue: Kathy Wagner, OGS)
 - b) It is proposed that the membership application forms be revised, to reflect various recent changes to structure and to GradFac Rules and Regs. (for info on this issue: Kathy Wagner, OGS)
 - c) Need to change references to "chair of graduate faculty" to "president of graduate faculty" in Rules and Regs. (Vote if necessary)
 - d) Course Requirements Committee ~ Ongoing
 - e) Charge to Course Requirements Committee:
 - i. How to deal with "ABD" students
 - ii. Courtesy appointments' effect on students
 - f) Rules & Regs Revisions Committee?

Look for consistency; but loosen some requirements (e.g. committee composition rules) while ensuring inclusivity (for info on this issue: Kathy Wagner, OGS)
 - g) Additional Charge to Membership Committee:

Look at issues related to non-terminal degree service on graduate committees.

 - A. Current Practice in OGS: if a member is listed who is not on the graduate faculty list, then OGS will request that a vita showing educational background be attached to the form to ensure that they do have the terminal degree or at least an equivalent in the case of a master's committee
 - B. Possible wording to consider, with suggested implementation procedures:
 - a. For Doctoral:
 - i. "All members of a doctoral committee must hold a terminal degree in their field unless reasonable written justification is provided from the department to the dean of graduate studies."
 - ii. How to Implement: If a committee member does not hold graduate faculty membership, a vita showing educational background must be provided and attached to the Form 5/5-A upon submission, along with justification if the member does not hold a terminal degree." (This information could be placed in the Instructions tab of the Form 5/5-A)
 - b. For Master's:
 - i. "All members of a master's thesis committee, at minimum, must hold a degree of equivalence unless reasonable written justification is provided from the department to the dean of graduate studies."
 - ii. How to Implement: If a committee member does not hold graduate faculty membership, a vita showing educational background must be provided and attached to the Form 1/1-A upon submission,

along with justification if the member does not hold a degree of equivalence.” (This information could be placed in the Instructions tab of the Form 1/1-A)

(for info on this issue: Kathy Wagner, OGS)

4. Membership Committee Report (Nathan Weidner, Membership Committee Chair ~ Psychological Sciences)
5. New Business.