

**Graduate Council Meeting
16 October 2012**

Present: J. Newkirk, V. Allada, L. Costoplos, S. Matson, C. Wilson, V. Hudgins, F. Montgomery, S.N. Balakrishnan, Y. Lin, J. Winiarz, C. Mendoza, G. Morrison, S. Corns (for Cudney and Dagli), C. Claybaugh (for Yu), P. Worsey, H. K. Lee, B. Bai, R. Dubois, M. Trish, R. Weaver, M. Fitch

1) September 25th Meeting Minutes- Approved (Motion: Montgomery, Seconded: Worsey)

2) Dr. Newkirk- New Business (needing to be taken care of, so moved to beginning of meeting)

Dr. Newkirk called on the council members to volunteer for the Research Policy Committee (made up of four Graduate Council Representatives and one graduate student).

Volunteers:

Houng Koo (Hank) Lee

Jeff Winiarz

Francis Montgomery

Joe Newkirk

Motion to approve by Montgomery. Seconded by Worsey. Voted, approved.

3) (#2 on agenda) Graduate Studies to present ETD/ProQuest update (Crystal Wilson- OGS)

Powerpoint presentation and flowchart handout.

Covered in Powerpoint:

- Process Used
- Meetings
- Documents
- Typefaces
- S&T T/D Submission Process
- FAQ

4) (#3 on agenda) Tabled item from 10/14/11 & 9/25/12 GFC Meetings: Graduate Certificates- Admission Requirements.

Discussion included issues such as:

Grad certificate may allow a student entrance to MS study without taking the GRE,

Grad certificate may be a terminal certificate or may act as an entry to MS study,

Entrance requirements could include an option of GRE score or some number of years of work experience,

There are 300-400 certificate students, many in the military who intend to follow the certificate with a MS,

Concern that grad certificates not water down other degrees,

Minimum GPA currently varies amongst programs, some as low as 2.0, and such varying minima can be a bookkeeping challenge.

Motion passed by vote of 5 for, 1 against (Fitch, seconded by Dubois): **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.**

President Newkirk affirmed that he would make the departments aware of the motion.