

## Graduate Faculty Council Minutes, 3 December 2014

Present: (from Lauren)

Not Present: (from Lauren)

1. Meeting called to Order by President Newkirk, 12:05pm
2. Roll Call-S. Long
3. November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes
  - Approved (Motion: Landers, Second: Hilmas, Voted and Approved)
4. Committee Reports
  - A. PhD Residency Ad hoc: Committee hopes to meet over Winter Break.
  - B. Executive Committee: Met with Provost Marley; the Provost is very interested in the PhD residency issue and has asked for regular briefings.
  - C. Membership Committee: Revised the Graduate Faculty Application Form to make the process simpler. The committee approved 75 reappointments to the graduate faculty during their 19 November meeting.
  - D. VPGS Report (**Amended by Dr. Allada, 1/28/15**):
    - i. Stipend X: the level for Stipend X will be reviewed and approved at the upcoming Graduate Faculty Meeting.
    - ii. Strategic Funding: by January, the VPGS hopes to have a process in place for allocating the PhD Recruitment and Retention Funds. Preliminary allocation includes
      - a. \$100,000 to be used to bring prospective PhD applicants to campus for site visits
      - b. 20 New Chancellor's Fellowships (Domestic Students) with \$5,000 Fellowship to be used for conference travel, 0.4-0.5 FTE GRA, and tuition and fees
      - c. **50** New GRA/GTAs (Domestic or International Students)
      - d. Entrepreneurship Awards
5. Graduate Catalog Revisions, 9 items presented; all voted and approved.
  - A. Language reviewed on earning a 2<sup>nd</sup> MS Degree: (Landers, Weidner; approved)
  - B. MS Degree with Thesis: (Long, Hilmas; approved)
  - C. MS w/o Thesis: discussion reminded that these are minimum standards (Landers, Corns; approved)
  - D. MS Degree for Teachers: (Myers, Weidner; approved)
  - E. M. Engineering Degree: (Myers, Landers; approved)
  - F. Acceptance of Candidates for PhD: discussion stated that with qualifying exam in the 6<sup>th</sup> semester, distance students who take only one course/semester might not be ready. VPGS stated that a mechanism is in place to address this issue as needed without penalty to the student. (Long, Liu; approved)
  - G. Proposed Program: (Long, Myers; approved)

- H. PhD Qualifying Exam: discussion supported the addition of language to show that “clock” starts when the students begins PhD level work to support students who start in the MS program (Myers, Maerz; approved)
- I. Qualifying Exam for DE: (Corns, Long; approved)

Meeting adjourned, 1pm.