

**Graduate faculty Council Meeting  
16 April 2014**

Present: J. Newkirk, S.N. Balakrishnan, V. Allada, E. Marlon, S. Matson, C. Wilson, V. Hudgins, S. Corns (for S. Long ), V. Yu (for K. Siau), M. House, R. Landers, P. Worsey, B. McMillin, N. Weidner, J. Myers, J. Winiarz, Y. Lin

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

- 1) March 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes
  - Approved (Motion: Landers, Seconded: Myers, voted and approved.)
- 2) Graduate faculty council banquet plan
  - Chair reported the banquet is in the process of being planned. Provost Wray and Former President DuBroff have been informed and looking forward to coming.
- 3) Electing representatives to the 2014-2015 Research Policy Committee
  - Elected 4 members from graduate council to serve on the committee: J. Winiarz and J. Newkirk volunteered to continue serving on the committee; N. Weidner will replace M. Frances; J. Myers will replace H. Lee.
- 4) Discussion on residency requirement for the Ph.D.
  - V. Allada (VPGA) reported residency policy for on-line graduate programs from other universities.
  - S. Corns: provided department policy and residency requirement for on-line (blended learning) Ph.D. program from Systems Engineering.
  - P. Worsey: provided information regarding residency policy for on-line/blended learning explosive engineering Ph.D. program. Discussed career path differences between on-campus and distance PhD students.
  - S.N. Balakrishnan and N. Weidner expressed concerns about how to maintain quality of distance Ph.D. programs if residency policy changed.
  - Chair (J. Newkirk) proposed to form a committee to come back with a proposal for new standard for residency requirement for Ph.D. students. Five council members volunteer to serve on the committee: J. Newkirk, P. Worsey, B. McMillin, R. Landers, S. Corns.
- 5) Course Renumbering concerns (Chair) (Tabled) –No discussion.

6) New Business

- P. Worsely: asked graduate study to look into the template for thesis. Some students have problems with the template.
- V.Allada (VPGA): Requested to have an agenda item in the next GFC meeting to review the graduate catalog regarding student misconduct statement. Currently there is no such statement/sentence in the graduate catalog.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.