

**Graduate faculty Council Meeting  
24 September 2014**

Present: J. Newkirk, S.N. Balakrishnan, V. Allada, G. Hilmas, S. Matson, L. Costoplos, A. Neckermann, A. McMillen, C. Dagli (for S. Long & Systems), P. Neogi, J. Winiarz, R. Landers, P. Worsey, B. McMillin, N. Weidner, J. Myers, J. Winiarz, Y. Lin, M. Davis, D. Wright, N. Maerz, W. Yang, M. Meagher, S. Johnson (for A. Alajo), B. Bai, B. Dubois

Not Present: J. Sarangapani, K. Siau, F. Liou, C. Elrod

- 1) Roll Call- L. Costoplos
- 2) April 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes
  - Approved (Motion: McMillin, Seconded: Landers, voted and approved.)
- 3) President's remarks
  - If unable to attend, please send a representative in your place.
  - Changes happening this year: Raising awareness, promote attendance, improve communications, more timely information, etc.
  - Looking at off campus get-togethers to encourage group development.
  - Adding non-voting members: Curricula, CGS
  - Initiating new programs, etc.
- 4) Add Curricula Committee and CGS non-voting members
  - Motion- Newkirk- Adding these members will improve communications between groups. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Myers. Landers- Rationale? Newkirk- Curricula chair wrote a letter requesting non-voting membership. Better communication. Clarification- one rep per each body. Voted, approved.
- 5) VPGS- UG Students can take all 5000 level courses.
  - V.Allada (VPGS)- Informational- Much like 300 level courses previously. Making sure all departments are aware of this.
- 6) PhD Residency Issue- Newkirk (chair of committee)- Update.
  - Committee investigated what other universities are doing. Some abolished residency, some must take on-campus courses, some spilt.
  - Virginia Tech:
    - Traditional on-campus
    - Programs create their own plan
    - Individuals present their plan, program/dept approves.
  - President asked council to get feedback from their faculty about change in residency (see new statement)
  - Discussion: Point was made that distance rooms are currently in short supply.

- President asked departments to email feedback to Lauren and CC Newkirk. Lauren to send out proposed residency wording.

Out of time- additional items will be discussed at Oct 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.