

Graduate Faculty Council Minutes, 8 October 2014

Present: J. Newkirk (President & for G. Hilmas), S.N. Balakrishnan, V. Allada, S. Matson, L. Costoplos, A. Neckermann, A. McMillen, S. Long (for C. Dagli & Engineering Management), P. Neogi, J. Winiarz, R. Landers (Mech. & for F. Liou/Manu), B. McMillin (Engineering & Computing & for Dr. Liu/Comp Sci), N. Weidner, J. Myers, J. Winiarz, Y. Lin, M. Davis, D. Wright, N. Maerz, M. Meagher, A. Alajo, B. Bai, B. Dubois, K. Siau (IST & for C. Elrod/MBA)

Not Present: J. Sarangapani, M. Davis, P. Worsey, W. Yang

1. Meeting called to Order by President Newkirk, 4pm
2. Roll Call-S. Long
3. September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes
 - Approved (Motion: Myers, Second: Long, Voted and Approved)
4. Addition of VP and Deans as Ex-Officio Members

President Newkirk posed the question: Shall we add the two new VP and Deans as Ex Officio Members? (Motion: Balakrishnan, Second: Weidner)

Discussion: Several faculty expressed concern that the GFC was a faculty body and should not include administrators; even if they were there representing their departments, they would not be able to remove their administrator hats. Others felt that they are allowed to attend (under the Sunshine Law) and that they should be ex-officio, but that they should be non-voting and that they must be recognized to speak. Dr. Long asked if Dr. Balakrishnan would accept a friendly amendment to the motion to change it to read: The two new VP and Deans (or their designees) will be non-voting ex-officio members that must be recognized to speak). Dr. Balakrishnan agreed. Dr. Neogi called the question, seconded by Dr. Long. Motion passed.

5. PhD Residency

President Newkirk reported that the subcommittee is preparing to meet for the first time in Fall 2014. He asked that each GFC representative solicit feedback from their departments on whether a review, potential change of the PhD residency policy had faculty support.

Discussion: How many residency waivers are currently requested? Is this an issue? The consensus was that as more departments add distance programs, it will become an issue.

GFC Representatives Action Item: provide departmental feedback by 27 October.

Move to adjourn (Landers) at 4:55pm; seconded by many