

## Graduate Faculty Council Minutes, 5 November

Present: J. Newkirk, G. Hilmas, S.N. Balakrishnan, V. Allada, S. Matson, L. Costoplos, A. Neckermann, V. Hudgins, A. McMillen, S. Long (for C. Dagli & Engineering Management), R. Landers (Mech. & for F. Liou/Manu), B. McMillin (Engineering & Computing), J. Myers, M. Davis, D. Wright, N. Maerz, B. Bai, B. Dubois, K. Siau (IST & for C. Elrod/MBA), F. Liu, J. Sarangapani, P. Worsey, W. Yang

Not Present: Y. Huang, P. Neogi, J. Winiarz, M. Davis, N. Weidner, A. Alajo, M. Meagher

Meeting called to Order by President Newkirk, 12:08pm

### 1. Roll Call-S. Long

### 2. October 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Approved (Motion: Myers, Second: Liu, Voted and Approved)

### 3. Residency Issue PhD

a) President Newkirk reported on feedback from departments to determine whether the faculty was willing to revisit the residency question:

- Explosives-largely positive from ad hoc conversations
- Materials-ad hoc positive
- Physics-largely positive
- EMSE-positive; said that a robust process for exams, quality was needed
- ME and AE-mixed results. Some were in favor, but others had concerns about how rigor would be assured, what controls would be in place, etc.
- ECE-limited experience with distance PhDs. Also concerned with quality control; do not want the appearance that degrees were being “sold”.

b) Based on feedback, President Newkirk will schedule a meeting of the Ad Hoc Residency Committee. He is still looking for members from non-engineering degree programs.

### 4. Transfer credit

a) Concern was expressed that a loophole may be present for those wanting to transfer a combination of hours from within the UM System and external to the UM System. Request made to clarify the language so students understand that the maximum number of hours that can be transferred into the MS from outside the UM System is 12 hours.

Significant discussion on the process for transferring into the PhD identified many questions with the current language. Dr. Long moved to table the discussion, seconded by Myers so that the executive committee (Newkirk, Long, Myers) could review the entire section on PhD transfer credit and suggest alternate language. Motion approved.

### b) Transfer Credit Courses- General Credit

If no current S&T course exists, should there be a process to award general credit? A “catch-all” number sequence, etc? Myers moved to add this item to the executive committee’s agenda (Newkirk, Long, Myers). Seconded, voted, and approved. Dr. Newkirk tabled the discussion.

5. 490 course adjustments. VPGS gave short background and explained that the Grad Studies office is currently coding research as both 5099 and 6099 to ensure that the correct courses pull from the DARs reports. Some departments are separating 5099 and 6099 research as Masters level and Doctoral level respectively.

Move to table- Hilmas. Seconded- Myers. Voted and motion to table approved.

6. Graduate Faculty Appointments- Should S&T continue to review? (R.Landers)

Not enough time to cover.

Meeting adjourned, 1pm.