

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

140 Toomey Hall

12:00pm Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Present: S. Corns (for C. Dagli), J. Winiarz, S. Matson, C. Elmore, A. McMillen, J. Hemenway, A. Neckermann, A. Kossuth, K. Wagner, N. Balakrishnan (for F. Liou & R. Landers), J. Newkirk, G. Hilmas, P. Neogi, C. Mendoza, W. Jiang, M. Davis, L. Gertsch, S. Stanley (for K. Siau), M. Insall, N. Weidner, B. McMillen (for I. Ferguson), I. Morgan, T. Goodwin

Not Present: J. Semon, J. Sarangapani, D. Wright, P. Worsey, W. Yang, M. Meagher, R. Landers, A. Alajo

President Steven Corns called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

1. Roll call-J. Winiarz
2. Approval of minutes from November 11th meeting. Motion to approve as written: Hilmas; second: Stanley; approved
3. Graduate Coordinator Guidelines
 - a. A committee should be formed to establish guidelines for graduate coordinators focusing on “lessons learned” and “best practices”
 - b. Volunteers for the committee were solicited and Drs. M. Insall and C. Elmore expressed interest
4. Ph.D. students with 2nd MS interests
 - a. General consensus of the GFC leans toward not allowing the “double dipping” of course credit in this regard and V.P. Allada should be made aware of this consensus
 - b. If V.P. Allada feels it is necessary, the GFC is willing to institute a committee to further explore this issue
5. Stipend X
 - a. Dr. M. Insall outlined the Executive Summary of the “Recommendations Regarding Graduate Student Support and the Potential Use of Different Pay Scales or FTE percentage for Graduate Students” (a comprehensive version was distributed to GFC by email)
 - b. It was suggested that V.P. Allada and Provost Marley be asked to address the GFC regarding these issues
 - c. The following proposals will be sent to the Graduate Faculty for a vote;
 - i. The campus waive the first 6 credit hours of coursework each regular semester for Graduate Assistants (Research or Teaching Assistants) and their pay be increased by 5% relative to current base: Insall; second: Weidner; approved
 - ii. The tiered system described in the Executive Summary be implemented: Insall; second: Weidner; approved
6. Meeting adjourned by President Corns, 1pm.