

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

140 Toomey Hall

12:00pm Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Present: J. Newkirk, V. Allada, S. Matson, L. Costoplos, A. Neckermann, V. Hudgins, A. McMillen, L. Cerney, L. Patton, S. Long, S. Corns (for C. Dagli), J. Myers, P. Worsey, N. Weidner, E. Ronchetto, M. Insall, F. Liou, G. Hilmas, E. Ronchetto, S.N. Balakrishnan, Y. Huang, P. Neogi, M. Davis

Not Present: A. Alajo, M. Meagher, W. Yang, B. Bai, N. Maerz, C. Elrod, K. Siau, J. Winiarz, F. Liu, J. Sarangapani, D. Wright, R. Landers, R. Dubois

President Joe Newkirk called the meeting to order, 12:01pm

1. Roll call-S. Long
2. Approval of minutes from February 25th meeting. Motion to approve as written: Hilmas; Second: Insall. Approved.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. End of Year Banquet award process: President Newkirk is accepting nomination for the two Graduate Studies Excellence Awards (One for staff; one for faculty). Members of the graduate faculty should nominate deserving candidates through their departmental graduate coordinator. More details on this will be sent via email. Each recipient will receive a \$100 gift card, along with a plaque of recognition.
 - b. Executive Committee
 - i. End of Year Banquet- April 24th at Matt's Steakhouse: a request for RSVPs will be sent via email soon. GFC faculty, staff and spouses/significant others are invited to attend. Provost and Mrs. Marley have also been invited as the authority for GFC is given by the Provost. Graduate Studies Excellence Awards will be presented at the banquet!
 - ii. Public House Social- March 5th: President Newkirk reported that a good time was had by all and that plans are underway to make this a regular event.
 - iii. Nominations for Officers: an email will be sent shortly requesting nominations for all officer positions. Graduate faculty will cast their ballots via email. This significantly increased participation and provided the quorum needed to elect officers.
 - c. PhD Residency Adhoc: no report
 - d. Membership Committee: no report
 - e. VPGS report: no report
4. Graduate Catalog Updates
 - a. Graduate Catalog Updates: GFC reviewed updates to the catalog language for non-degree seeking students, MS Teacher, etc. (See attachment) Move to approve: Newkirk, Second: Insall. Friendly amendment: Weidner (accepted) that an extra listing of 6099 be removed from the MS Teacher update. Discussion focused on whether there were loopholes in the current language for non-degree seeking students. There were also concerns that the MS Teaching lacked rigor. President Newkirk tabled as outside of the motion. Hilmas moved to vote, 2nd by Huang. Approved.
 - b. Graduate Forms Updates: GFC reviewed updates to Graduate Forms (Form 1 and Continuous Registration). President Newkirk moved to accept. Friendly amendment (Corns, 2nd by Worsey)

was accepted to remove 5099 from Continuous registration Form. Motion to vote: Weidner, Second: Hilmas. Approved.

5. A 6000 level graduate seminar with mainly invited speakers can be used for a 1 hr credit towards the 6000 requirement in a semester. A report based on one of the topics covered, along with attendance, will be used to determine the grade. (M. Al-Dahhan). Much GFC discussion around this. Ultimately, discussion centered around whether this was a GFC issue. It seemed that this was within the purview of department and that they should submit required forms to the curricula committee. Motion to table and send to curricula committee: Weidner, Second: Corns. Approved.
6. 200 level course mapping issues (Chair): Tabled
7. Graduate Faculty Membership (Tabled. Sent to Executive Committee.): Tabled
 - a. Should S&T continue to review? (R. Landers)
 - b. NTT as members
 - c. Adjuncts as members
8. New Business: Erica Ronchetto announced the Graduate Research Showcase will be 1 April. They are looking for judges!

Move to adjourn: Long, Second: Corns

Meeting adjourned by President Newkirk, 1pm.