

Graduate Faculty Council Minutes, 28 January 2015

Present:

Not Present:

Meeting called to Order by President Newkirk, 12:05pm

1. Roll Call-S. Long

2. December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Approved (Motion: Myers, Second: Insall, Voted and Approved)
- Dr. Allada arrived from another meeting after the vote and requested that the 12/3/15 minutes be corrected. There will be 50 new GRA/GTAs under the strategic funding initiative.
- The minutes will be presented again for approval at the next meeting.

3. Committee Reports

- A. PhD Residency Ad hoc: Committee will meet on February 12th at 3pm.
- B. Executive Committee: No Report. Pending agenda items include: finalizing the catalog language for graduate transfer credit; the end of the year banquet—spouses will be invited; adjunct graduate faculty membership. A lively informal discussion occurred on this topic. As a result, President Newkirk agreed that an ad hoc committee will be formed to consider this issue after the executive committee has the chance to meet.
- C. Membership Committee: The current committee (President Newkirk plus Paul Worsey and Robert Landers) have served for some time. President Newkirk stated that the current members would like to rotate off.
- D. VPGS Report (Sharon Matson for Dr. Allada):
 - i. Introduction of Lisa Cerney, new staff hired to help with strategic funding initiative.
 - ii. Starting in the next month or so, VPGS will offer funding to bring prospective PhD students to campus for 1 ½ day visits. Contact Dr. Allada for more details.
 - iii. The 20 Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowships have a three year commitment (including tuition/fees); discussion is ongoing to determine whether a 4th year is possible.
 - iv. Any comments, suggestions, questions on the strategic funding initiative are welcomed by Dr. Allada

4. Graduate Catalog Updates

- A lively discussion followed President Newkirk's report on the timeline set by the Registrars regarding catalog updates. Updates that miss the 1 March deadline may be delayed over a year before they become part of the catalog.
- GFC had many questions that can only be answered by the Registrar or designee.
- Motion: S. Long, 2nd: M. Insall that the Registrar or her designee come to the next GFC meeting so questions regarding the timeline can be clarified.

5. 490 course adjustments- 5099/6099

- a. OGS currently treats 5099/6099 as “research” without making a distinction. To allow the research hours to pull properly into the DARS, they input as 5099/6099.
- b. No consensus was reached on whether to recommend the deletion of 5099 as a few departments prefer to have separate MS and PhD research credits for tracking purposes. President Newkirk and VGS Allada will meet with those departments to gather information.

6. 200 level course mapping

Guest: Dan Wadill, Physics, presented information on a discrepancy between policy approved by the graduate faculty during the summer of 2013 with the new wording regarding graduate credit for 3000/4000 courses. The language approved by GF states: no more than 6 hours of 3000 level coursework may be counted for graduate credit. The language approved by GFC in November states: no more than 6 hours of 3000/4000 level coursework. Motion to correct the forms and the catalog to match the language approved by the graduate faculty was made by S. Long, seconded by S. Corns. Voted and approved.

Meeting adjourned, 1pm.