

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

140 Toomey Hall

12:00pm Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Present: S. Corns (for C. Dagli), J. Winiarz, V. Allada (for R. Marley), S. Matson, A. McMillen, J. Hemenway, A. Neckermann, K. Wagner, R. Landers (for N. Balakrishnan), J. Newkirk, G. Hilmas, P. Neogi, J. Werner (for C. Mendoza) W. Jiang, J. Sarangapani, P. Worsey, S. Stanley (for K. Siau), F. Liou, M. Insall, B. Bai, M. Shulz, I. Morgan, B. Rutter (for T. Goodwin)

Not Present: J. Semon, M. Davis, D. Wright, L. Gertsch, W. Yang, M. Meagher, A. Alajo,

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

1. Roll call-J. Winiarz
2. Approval of minutes from October 14th meeting. Motion to approve as written: Stanley; second: Landers; approved
3. Overview of DARS – Automation for Graduate Students, provided by Deanne Jackson and Julie Parker from the Registrar's Office
 - a. Problems lie in distinction between thesis and non-thesis Master's degrees
 - b. Major overhaul would be required
 - c. Prefilled form 1 may be possible solution which would be used for all incoming students
 - i. Could then be substituted with traditional form 1 for thesis students
 - ii. A meeting will be called for interested parties involving Dr. Morgan (Curriculum Committee) and Dr. Corns (whose Dept. has instituted prefilled form 1)
4. Stipend X Subcommittee consisting of D. Enke (replacing Dr. Landers), A. Alajo, and M. Insall
 - a. Brief report provided by Dr. Insall
 - i. Looking at other campuses (ex. Texas A&M) as potential models
 - ii. May be possible for Depts. to pay tuition and then withhold from student's paycheck, saving student ~\$100 in taxes
 - b. Discussion occurred expressing the need to institute tuition waivers and that requirement to put tuition on grants is not an ideal solution
 - c. Office of Graduate Studies is currently assessing various options which would address the issue globally and expressed willingness to work with any interested committees
 - i. Suggestions may be forwarded to Dr. Allada anonymously (via Dr. Corns) or not
5. Replace all instances of 6099 with "graduate research" in the Graduate Catalog front matter
 - a. Insall; second: Weidner; approved
6. Title IX graduate course syllabus content included on all syllabi distributed or posted
 - a. Cannot be required but only suggested
 - b. By laws will be checked to see if this is in the prevue of the GFC and discussed at next meeting
7. Awards Process
 - a. Committee should be formed with tentative charge "to establish guidelines and criteria for awarding graduate staff and faculty excellence"
 - b. Awarded faculty must be member of Graduate Faculty
 - c. Dr. Corns will solicit suggestions for changes to charge by email

Meeting adjourned by President Corns, 1pm.