

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

140 Toomey Hall

12:00pm Wednesday, November 01, 2017

Present: C. Hou, P. Neogi, M. Davis, S. Corns for C. Dagli, B. Flachsbart for F. Nah, S. Corns, C. Kim, C. Mendoza, J. Winiarz, M. Insall for D. Oerther, M. Insall, S. Matson, M. Moats, M. Moats for J. Newkirk, B. Flachsbart, N. Weidner, Steve Raper, V.P. V. Allada, V.P. V. Allada for P. B. Marley, S. Raper

Not Present: K. Awuah-Offei, M. Meagher, P. Worsey, W. Jiang, S. Balakrishnan, E. Malone, L. Gertsch, W. Yang, F. Liou, R. Landers, A. Alajo, B. Bai, M. Shulz, P. Bhowmik, K. Drowne, R. Wlezien

Chair J. Winiarz called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

Roll call-M. Insall

1. Approval of minutes from October 04, 2017 meeting. Motion to approve as written: Weidner; second: Corns; approved
2. Committees Reports
 - a. President's Report by J. Winiarz
 - i. Stacey Fuller no longer working in OGS
 - ii. All Graduate Faculty reappointments up for consideration were approved
 - iii. The Graduate Faculty will not be formally represented on the committee responsible for the Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies search
 - b. VPGS Report by S. Matson and V.P. Allada
 - i. Report on revision of thesis/dissertation specifications by S. Matson
 - Implementation of electronic submission process in Jan 18
 - Homan provided overview of Latex capabilities
 - V. P. Allada requested a vote to approve new specifications
 - Motion to approve new thesis dissertation specifications: Winiarz; second: Weidner; approved
 - ii. Report on Ithenticate by V. P. Allada
 - V. P. Allada requested a vote on requirement of Ithenticate check prior to graduation
 - The GFC requested that the form be disseminated to the GFC prior to a vote
3. Proposed changes to the Graduate Catalog
 - a. ...the student's advisory committee [is authorized] to administer a comprehensive examination after the student has completed at least ~~75~~50% of the coursework required for a doctoral degree, as listed on the student's approved program of study (Forms 5 and 5-A). (<http://catalog.mst.edu/graduate/admissionsandacademicprogramprocedures/doctoratedegrees/#text>) Motion to approve: Weidner; second: Mendoza; approved
 - b. The format of the comprehensive examination may be either written or oral, or both. ~~is both written and oral.~~ With the approval of the student's advisory committee, the written portion of the examination may be administered by the candidate's department, but the final judgment of the candidate's performance will be left to the advisory committee. ~~Upon satisfactory completion of the written examination, the advisory committee will administer the oral examination. It is recommended that the oral examination take place within thirty days of the written examination.~~ (<http://catalog.mst.edu/graduate/admissionsandacademicprogramprocedures/doctoratedegrees/#text>) Motion to approve: Kim; second: Weidner; approved

4. Ad Hoc Forms Committee Presented by N. Weidner
 - a. No specific action recommended
 - b. Request that Grad Fac examine the possibility of removing some rules that appear to overregulate
 - c. Suggestion to remove university level restrictions on course numbering

Meeting adjourned by Chair Winiarz, 1:00pm