

Graduate Faculty meeting November 7, 2018

1) Roll call by Oerther
see attached

Present: Chen Hou; Jeffrey Winiarz; Cesar Mendoza; Edward Malone; Kyle Perry; Leslie Gertsch; Barry Flachsbart; Matt Insall; Sarah Stanley; Kwame Awuah-Offei; Baojun Bai; Daniel Fischer; Nathan Weidner; Daniel Oerther; Constantinos Tsatsoulis; Angela Lueking

2) Approval of minutes
Flachsbart motioned; Stanley seconded; no discussion; approved

3) President's report

- a) For information: Grad Fac website being updated to accurately reflect current agreed Rules and Regulations; no questions
- b) For information: Membership form being updated to accurately reflect current agreed Rules and Regulations; no questions
- c) For information: editorial changes being made to improve consistency in accurate use of terms "President of Graduate Faculty" and "Chair of Graduate Council"; no questions
- d) For information: ongoing efforts to appoint a balanced committee representing our diversity of programs as part of the Course Requirements Committee; no questions
- e) For information: ongoing efforts to create a charge to the Course Requirements Committee; no questions
- f) For information: ongoing efforts to appoint a balanced committee representing our diversity of programs as part of the Rules and Regulations Revision Committee; no questions
- g) For information: ongoing efforts to create a charge to the Membership Committee; Membership committee chair welcomed comments from the floor and clarifying discussion ensued

4) Membership committee report by Weidner;

Three general proposals to consider:

- a) How to handle emeritus faculty? When emeritus status is bestowed, it is viewed as appropriate that emeritus faculty would have a "lifetime", voting membership as graduate faculty members.
- b) How do handle exiting employees (i.e., one-year continuation/adjunct appointments)? Want to clarify the rules to avoid undue hardship to students. Two-year associate membership automatically.
- c) How do handle removal of committee member? Dept chair make request with justification and decision is made by dean of graduate school.

Significant discussion ensued including both support for and comments against the proposed approaches. The committee will consider input and return with a recommendation for Council.