

Graduate Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

140 Toomey Hall

12:00 Noon, Wednesday September 5, 2018

President Matt Insall called the meeting to order at noon.

1. Roll call.
 - a. Roll call was performed by Ayodeji Alajo.
 - b. Members in attendance: Cezar Mendoza, George Markowski, Michael Davis, Stephen Raper, Ayodeji Alajo, Leslie Gertsch, Barry Flachsbar, Matt Insall, Nathan Weidner;
 - c. Ex-officio attendees: Angela Leukin, Stephen Raper, Constantinos Tsatsoulis.
2. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2018 meeting.
 - a. Minutes of the meeting from April 30, 2018 was not available
 - b. Nathan Weidner moved a motion to postpone approval of the minutes; seconded by Matt Insall
3. Review/update of the Graduate Faculty Rules & Regulations.
 - a. Update to first paragraph of Section III.A. to reflect S&T's organizational structure changes was approved
 - b. Graduate faculty membership
 - i. The president initiated talks to reconstitute the membership committee
 - c. Associate membership requirements:
 - i. Membership committee will write rules to address process of associate membership
 - d. Emeritus discussion
 - i. The question of whether an emeritus professor should be granted automatic lifetime membership in the graduate faculty or should be subject reapplication every 5 years like other members, was discussed.
 - ii. It was resolved that membership committee should propose how to deal with emeritus membership
 - e. Chaired professorship
 - i. The treatment of the membership of named/chaired professors in the graduate faculty was discussed
 - ii. Similar discussion took place for membership of department chairs.
 - f. Amendment to Section IV.D.
 - i. It was proposed that the first sentence in Section IV.D. should be amended thus:
"Graduate Faculty members shall be reviewed ~~every~~ six years after the initial appointment and every five years thereafter by the Membership Committee in order to ascertain whether the member is continuing to be active in graduate work."
 - ii. The proposed amendment was approved
 - g. Courtesy extension to graduate faculty membership
 - i. There is currently no formal rule guiding courtesy extensions of membership privileges to departed faculty members
 - ii. Membership committee will propose rules to address courtesy extension to graduate faculty membership
4. Resolution to Continuous Registration Issue.

a. The merit and principle behind continuous registration for graduate students were discussed.

5. New Business.

a. There was suggestion by the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Tsatsoulis that graduate faculty council meetings should establish a quorum requirement in its rules and regulations.

b. There was divided opinion on the need for quorum in formal proceedings of the graduate faculty.

The president moved a motion to adjourn; seconded by Leslie Gertsch and Barry Flachsbart. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by President Insall at 1:00 PM