

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm, Wednesday, October 2, 2019
140 Toomey Hall

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm

1) Roll Call by D. Oerther

- Present: S.N. Balakrishnan, R. Verble, G. Olbricht, S. Stanley, C. Zhou, J. Winiarz, A. Ichim, K. Perry, W. Yang, C. Kueny, C. Chua, A. Adekpedjou, M. Insall, D. Oerther, V.P. Reddy, S. Roberts (Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), C. Tsatsoulis (Vice Chancellor of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies)

2) C. Kueny moved to approve September 4, 2019 minutes; R. Verble seconded. Approved.

3) President's Report

a) Introduction of Parliamentarian – V. Prakash Reddy, Professor of Chemistry

- Thank you

b) Review of Coursework Time Limits / Time to Degree Requirements

- Referred to committee

c) Rights and Limitations of Emeritus Faculty – Discussion Occurring within Faculty Senate

- Dr. Tsatsoulis indicated that this type of accommodation – one year of membership with an opportunity for an additional year of extension – would seem to be consistent with the approach used for faculty who voluntarily separate from the university and move to another institution. In other words, the possibility of a two year membership on the graduate faculty would allow an advisor to supervise any remaining students through timely graduation.
- Dr. Roberts questioned the possible inconsistency between Chancellor's Emeritus Faculty, and others, because the Chancellor's status is provided for a three year period, but includes a 25% employment appointment.
- Dr. Roberts and Dr. Tsatsoulis both concurred that it would be wise practice to identify ways to allow emeritus faculty who are making significant contributions towards mentoring graduate students to continue to be able to do so within the rules of the university.
- The members of the Graduate Council who were present expressed a general consensus that preserving rights of emeritus faculty is an important issue, and further encouraged both the president of the Graduate Faculty, as well as the Vice Chancellor of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies and the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to advocate for the continuation of rights of emeritus faculty to the maximum extent allowed under relevant federal and state law and policies of the university.

- 4) “Graduate Council welcomes the survey developed by the office of graduate studies and encourages faculty to participate fully.” D. Oerther moved; C. Kueny seconded. Approved.
- 5) D. Oerther moved to table discussion regarding the External Reviewer’s Site Visit Report until the next meeting; S. Stanley seconded. Approved.
- 6) Paying Tuition for Students on GA/GTA/GRA Appointments
 - Drs. Roberts and Tsatsoulis both concurred that all “graduate assistants” (i.e., graduate research assistant, graduate teaching assistant, graduate assistant, start-up funds, and others) will continue to receive paid tuition consistent with S&T rules as long as they remain on some form of “assistantship” at a level of 0.375 or above and continue to make satisfactory progress towards their degree.”

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm