Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
140 Toomey Hall
12:00pm Wednesday, March 06, 2024

Present: Serhat Hosder, Gayla Olbricht, Irina Ivliyeva, Sarah Stanley, Manishi Nath, Magdy Abdelrahman, Sanjay Madria, Yishu Zhou, Chang Soo Kim, Steve Corns, Kyle Perry, Vahe Permzadian, Cecil Chua, Frank Liou, Xiaodong Yang, Lana Alagha, Cihan Dagli, Ed Malone, Jeff Winiarz, Samuel Frimpong, Susan Murray, David Spivey, Petra Dewitt, Manoj Twarakavi

Interim Chair S. Corns called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

1. Roll call

2. Approval of minutes from February 07, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve as written: Stanley; second: Ivliyeva; approved

3. Interim President's Report
   a. GLO Graduate Learning Outcomes Report Committee
      i. With a couple of people already volunteering, at least one more is desired but more would be welcome

4. Still accepting nominations for:
   a. President of the Graduate Faculty
   b. Secretary of the Graduate Faculty
   c. Standing Committees and Other Committees (Personnel, Budgetary Affairs, Research Policy)
   d. Awards Committee
      i. Have already received several strong nominations

5. Please encourage faculty, staff, and students to submit nominations for the 2023 – 24 Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Studies and Graduate Staff Excellence Awards

6. Grad Track Pathway (GTP) program
   a. Attachment regarding modifying and expanding the current GTP (see attached)
      i. Motion 1; Increase maximum number of shared credits allowed at the university-level
         • Concerns expressed about expanding the "double dipping" from 9 to 12 shared credits associated with this program and how it may not be fair to MS students not in the GTP - ~1/3 of required Credits
         • Will be addressed at the next meeting providing more time to discuss with faculty and better gauge the general opinion
      ii. Motion 2; Remove cumulative GPA requirement for graduate degree to be awarded
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      iii. Motion 3; Change admission processes (see 6.b.)
         • Motion passed with friendly amendment verbiage as "The shared credit information will be submitted in a different format (Power BI) in the same manner as dual enrollment"
      iv. Motion 4; Remove all or nothing requirement of shared credit
         • Motion passed
      v. Remaining motions tabled due to time

7. Stipend X Recommendation; Tabled by request of GFC

8. Announcement of PhD Final Defense Discussion; Tabled due to time

9. Doctoral collaborations with global universities; Tabled due to time

10. New Business; None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Corns, 1:00pm