

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2013  
Commons Clearwater Room  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

X	Jie Chen	X	Grace Goc Karp	X	Gordon Murdoch
X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Tao Xing	X	Jon Van Gerpen
X	Greg Turner-Rahman	X	Courtney Conway	X	Diane Prorak
X	Scott Minnich	X	Mark Warner	X	Susan Irizarry
	Jane Weiss	X	Mary Gardiner	X	Hannah Marx
X	Jill Johnson		Bob Mahler		

- I. Approval of the minutes from September 18, 2013
  - Unanimous approval
  
- II. Announcements and reports
  - A. Electronic theses and dissertations (ETD) (Jerry)
    - Jerry McMurtry announced 3 trainings that will take place the week of Oct 28
  - B. Electronic application process (Jerry)
    - Hope to have this process “turned on” by March 1, 2014
  - C. Role of Law School in graduate education (Jie)
    - Law faculty have requested changes to the bylaws for graduate faculty
    - They will come to Graduate Council to present their case. They will provide rationales and pros/cons.
  - D. FFF exercise in graduate education (Jie)
    - Jie Chen spoke about COGS’s process for FFF and asked Grad Council to give feedback about the FFF metrics for COGS by next week.
  - E. Follow-up study for graduate students (Jerry)
    - A follow-up survey will be embedded in the ETD system. It will be fairly broad for now, but the goal is to have the survey programmatic by degree.
  - F. Enrollment update (Jerry)
    - Jerry McMurtry reported that we are up 2% in new graduate students and down 5% in overall enrollment for Fall 2013, due to the decrease in continuing enrollment (down about 9%).
    - Graduate Admissions is up 120 applications for Spring, which is a 20% increase. 178 applications have already been received for Fall 2014.
  - G. Stats Dept name change (College representative)
    - Jill Johnson spoke about this name change from Bi-State Department of Statistical Science to Department of Statistical Science. It is now going to the Provost.
  
- III. Discussion
  - A. 3+2 catalog language (Jerry)
    - There was lengthy discussion about this.
    - Questions:
      - Are credits counted twice? No, first semester here will be transferred back to finish their Bachelor’s at their home institution, and then begin working on their Master’s.

- Why can they not be on a TA/RA? The goal is to have these be full-fee paying students.
  - Will they pay out-of-state tuition? Yes.
  - Will tuition reduction take away from other students? No.
  - Can the GPA requirement for the tuition reduction be changed? No. This wording came from the Budget Office. Warner expressed great concern with the Budget Office writing policy on GPA requirements. This is very bad. Others agreed.
  - Xing would like to start with a pilot program in Engineering.
  - COGS would market any programs with 3+2. It was suggested to add a comment to the catalog directing interested parties to look at the COGS website for a list of 3+2 programs.
  - Gardiner moved to approve. Xing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved with 4 abstentions (Marx, Irizarry, Conway, Goc Karp).
- B. MMBB seamless entry change (College representative)
- This item and item C were combined into one vote.
  - The vote was to get rid of the seamless Master's. The question was asked about whether there was something to learn from his seamless program not working? Jill Johnson reported that there were issues with overlap of coursework. Also, students would have to decide by their sophomore year that this is what they wanted to do, and not many decide that early. It was difficult to deal with administratively.
- C. Biological Sciences change (College representative)
- This vote was to maintain a Master's and Ph.D. in Biology or MMBB.
  - Goc Karp moved to approve both B and C; Conway 2<sup>nd</sup>. B & C – Unanimous approval.
- D. Physics curriculum change (College representative)
- Remove Phys 511 from requirements for Ph.D. in Physics
  - Goc Karp moved to approve. Warner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.
- E. PSM curriculum change (College representative)
- Correction of catalog language
  - Warner moved to approve. Turner-Rahman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.
- F. MATESL curriculum change (College representative)
- Conway moved to table this until the next meeting when a department representative can speak about the proposed change. Irizarry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous to table it.
- G. Anthropology curriculum change (College representative)
- Add non-thesis option to Anthropology Master's.
  - Turner-Rahman moved to approve. Xing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.
- H. MNR catalog change (College representative)
- Add detail to the catalog, changing from colloquia to a 2 credit case study.
  - Goc Karp moved to approve. Turner-Rahman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.
- I. CE Ph.D. requirement change (College representative)
- Remove foreign language exam and humanistic social study program from degree requirements.
  - Unanimous approval.
- J. MSIAD curriculum change (College representative)
- Warner moved to approve. Marx 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.