

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015
Commons Crest Room
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

X	Jie Chen	X	Scott Minnich	-	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Jon Van Gerpen
X	Courtney Conway	X	Ben Hunter	-	Jane Weiss
X	Laura Holyoke	X	Sandra Reineke	X	Tao Xing
-	Ankan Guria	X	Mary Gardiner	X	Mahalingam Dhamodharan (for Jones-Mensah)
X	Jill Johnson				

- I. Approval of the minutes from March 11, 2015
 - Tao Xing moved to approve. Seconded by Jill Johnson
 - Minutes approved with 2 abstentions.

- II. Announcements and reports
 - A. Introduction of Sam Koester
 - Sam Koester was introduced to the group as the newest staff member in the COGS dean's office.
 - Chen asked all members to introduce themselves due to two new Councilmembers.
 - Chen/McMurtry reminded Council about the Innovation Showcase on April 22. Chen encouraged Councilmembers to judge the Showcase.
 - B. Graduate Enrollment
 - Chen highlighted the data sent by Marilyn Pope. Graduate applications are up 6% and new admits are up 18%. Chen reminded everyone that we still need to work on matriculation of these students and asked them to follow-up with admitted students.
 - Retention is still a problem, and analysis of this issue is continuing to be done.
 - C. Three-year degrees
 - McMurtry reported that we've been asked to look into these programs to see how they transition into grad programs at UI. There is an extra step for 3 year degree students because UI-COGS requires 120 credits and 8 semesters.
 - Next meeting: adjust catalog language to deal with this.
 - Reineke gave background information about the E.U. system and reported that US system is completely different from elsewhere in the world.
 - D. RFP for new application system
 - McMurtry told Council that an RFP went out for a new application system that will allow applicants to upload everything electronically and will allow Admissions to circulate application packets to departments electronically.
 - 4 companies submitted proposals. 3 of those companies will be invited to campus to do presentations.

III. Discussion

A. Course Reservation Request Catalog Change

- McMurtry shared the new catalog language with Council.
- Van Gerpen asked if courses on an undergrad degree can be transferred after graduation. McMurtry: No.
- Murdoch asked how we deal with students on the WSU STAR program. McMurtry said he didn't know. We'd have to look into it.
- Xing asked if they can transfer courses back to their undergrad degree after they've been transferred to their grad. McMurtry: trying to avoid that situation. It may be petitioned.
- Reineke suggested we change the "currency" of graduate credits.
- Chen said this policy is partly to recruit graduate students and to enhance the quality of the programs.
- Gordon moved to approve the new catalog language. Seconded by Reineke.
- Approved unanimously.

B. Graduate Academic Certificates

- McMurtry distributed the list of grad certificates, as well as new wording for the catalog.
- Confusion about the wording of the new language was discussed and resolved.
- Murdoch moved to approve catalog wording with revisions. Seconded by Johnson.
- Approved unanimously.

C. Follow-up on COGS Bylaws

- Chen reminded the Council that Faculty Senate wants the COGS Bylaws changed to say that the University-wide Programs representative be elected by faculty members of these programs.
- Murdoch asked why this is an election, rather than an appointment like other colleges. Chen: We do not know.
- Chen suggests COGS leadership talks to each UWP director and asks them to nominate representatives. COGS will then facilitate an election to be conducted through email.
- Next steps: a Graduate Faculty meeting will be held for a vote on this change. It will then go to University Faculty for their vote.

Future Meetings:

April 29 – Commons Crest

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Pacific time.