

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016
Commons Horizon
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Ben Hunter		Alistair Smith
X	Ayobami Adegbite	X	Jill Johnson	X	Liddy Kang for Karen Trebitz
X	Julie Amador - phone	X	Scott Minnich	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jeff Bailey	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Elowyn Yager - phone
	Laura Holyoke	X	Sandra Reineke	X	Ata Zadehgol

- I. Approval of the minutes from October 19, 2016
 - Minnich moved to approve. Seconded by Zadehgol.
 - Approved unanimously

- II. Announcements and reports
 - A. PSES Reorganization
 - McMurtry and Councilmembers briefly discussed the reorganization of the PSES department. Informational item only, no vote needed.
 - B. Budget Request
 - McMurtry said he will submit two items in the budget request process.
 1. He will request funding to cover all in-state fees for all TA's. He asked Graduate Council for their support.
 2. He will also request funding to create a graduate visitation program. He will request \$100K for three years to bring top graduate student recruits to campus, with the understanding that the program would be reevaluated at the end of three years and, if determined to be successful, would be made permanent at that time.
 - McMurtry also shared the Oklahoma State study for TA salaries with councilmembers and included UI TA salaries for comparison. McMurtry indicated that he would like to see competitive packages for TA's – including full in-state fees, SHIP, and increased stipends to the average indicated by the OK State study.
 - C. Strategic Plan
 - Councilmembers were given draft copies of the new COGS mission and vision statements and provided feedback on both. McMurtry will make the changes they suggested.
 - D. 699 Non-Dissertation Research Course
 - McMurtry asked if Councilmembers would be in support of creating a 699 course for non-dissertation research. Members saw no issues with creating such a course.

III. Discussion Items

A. Curriculum Changes

1. M. S. Statistical Science
 - Adding catalog language to reflect a policy that has always been in place but not officially in writing in the catalog.
 - Reineke moved to approve. Ayobami seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
2. M. Architecture
 - Clean-up of courses
 - Kang moved to approve. Murdoch seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
3. M. Ed. Special Education
 - Coursework clean-up to meet Exceptional Child Generalist Standards.
 - Minnich moved to approve. Reineke seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
4. M. Ed. Curriculum and Instruction
 - Catalog language clean-up.
 - Murdoch moved to approve. Turner-Rahman seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
5. M. Landscape Architecture
 - Bailey moved to approve. Johnson seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.

B. Deferred Enrollment

- McMurtry introduced the idea of offering deferred enrollment for up to one year for a student who is admitted to a graduate program but needs to start a year later. This would allow a student to go through the readmission process, rather than having to complete an entirely new application and required documents.
- The department would have to approve the student's request for deferred enrollment and would agree to save a spot in the program for the student.
- Zadehgol asked if we would require a deposit. McMurtry said they tried to get a deposit policy created in the past and got nowhere with it.
- Turner-Rahman said they have lost students by not having a policy like this in place.
- Bailey moved to approve. Zadehgol seconded.
- Approved unanimously.

C. Formula for Assigning COGS Support for TAs

- McMurtry said he would like to create a task force of Graduate Council members to develop a formula for allocating in-state fee scholarships for TAs to the colleges.
- Task force members: Jill Johnson, Ata Zadehgol, Greg Turner-Rahman, faculty rep from CLASS, Liddy Kang (student representative).

Adjourned at 4:43 p.m.