

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
IRIC 105**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Ata Zadehgoi (ENGR)
X	Julie Amador (EHHS)	X	Alistair Smith (CNR)	X	Shiva Adhikari (GPSA)
X	Kristen Henrich	X	Daniel Strawn (CALC)	X	Rosebella Capio (GPSA)
X	John Lawrence (CBE)	X	David Tank (COS)		Vacant - CAA
X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)		Vacant – At-Large

- I. Approval of the minutes from May 9, 2018
 - Quinnett moved to approve. Seconded by Strawn.
 - 6 abstentions. Minutes were not approved.

- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. Introduction of New Members – Dave Tank (Science), Julie Amador (EHHS), Kristin Henrich (Library), John Lawrence (CBE), Shiva Adhikari and Rosebella Capio (GPSA)
 - B. New COGS Staff Beginning September 24 – Kate Strum
 - COGS hired a Director of Graduate Student Support Programs. She is coming from Oklahoma State. She will begin on September 24.
 - C. AGEP update – 2019 Meeting and Recruitment Dollars Available
 - We are in the no-cost extension phase of the grant.
 - There is money available for recruitment of students from Native American schools. They must be in STEM fields, according to the NSF definition of STEM.
 - There are also funds available to send faculty to the AISES and SACNAS conferences.
 - D. Professional Science Masters
 - PSM degree has existed in CNR until now. The wish is to expand it to other colleges. The PSM is a professional-level terminal degree.
 - Jerry McMurtry is the point person, at this time.
 - E. TA Awards
 - McMurtry described the new TA system and asked members for feedback.

- III. Discussion
 - A. JD/MPA Proposal
 - Proposal to make coterminous JD/MPA degree.
 - Smith moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
 - Approved unanimously.
 - B. Number of Credits from Professional (Law) Degree Programs Transferring to Grad Programs
 - Catalog language was proposed to indicate how many law credits could be counted toward a graduate degree.
 - Questions:
 - How many can be counted from an undergrad degree? A: 12

- McMurtry researched such policies at other universities. 12 was the highest number allowed, and 6 was the lowest. He recommended allowing 6 or 9.
- Lawrence moved to approve allowing 9 law credits to be counted toward a graduate degree. Seconded by Quinnett.
- Approved unanimously.

C. Continuous Registration

- Language was introduced to create policy to allow students who are finished with everything except their thesis/dissertation to register for a continuous enrollment credit while they are finishing writing and defending.
- It would be a unique course – i.e., COGS 999 – and would allow students to pay a reduced price. This would also allow them access to the Library and computing services. Students would have access to purchase UI student health insurance.
- The proposal also changes the rule to 2 semesters from 5 for the number of semesters a student is allowed to be out without reenrollment.
- Questions:
 - Would this apply to international students? A: McMurtry talked to IPO. They think it will work for one year.
 - Please, add a note to the proposal that the cost of this will be less than regular tuition.
 - How does this fee apply to faculty time? There appears to be ambiguity.
 - What if the student needs more than 1 semesters? A: They can petition.
 - Is this intended for students who leave for a semester for an internship? A: No. They are usually registered for the internship.
- Members were asked to take this back to their departments and get feedback so that a policy can be drafted.

D. Graduate Committee Membership (GPSA)

- GPSA brought forth a proposal to change FSH 1700 language to say that Instructors and Senior Instructors may be eligible to serve on a graduate student committee.
- Comments:
 - Instructors are hired on very different criteria than faculty. They should not be allowed to replace a faculty member on a committee.
 - Murdoch reported this is a “Hard NO” from his colleagues.
 - Instructors are only hired to teach. They have no research component.
 - Lawrence reported that some of the CBE Instructors have Ph.D.’s and could provide benefits to a Master’s student committee.
 - This would dilute rigor. Some are qualified to contribute. They could serve “with” but not replace a regular faculty member on a committee.
 - It was pointed out that the mechanism is already in place to allow an Instructor to be on a committee. The last sentence in the bylaws say, “These criteria may be waived at the discretion of the dean of College of Graduate Studies.”
- No motion was made.

E. Minimum Credit Requirements for RA’s

- McMurtry talked about a new policy that would require all RA’s to be registered as full-time students, regardless of their FTE.
- CNR said this will be catastrophic to their programs.

- If the continuous enrollment policy was enacted, CNR might be more in favor of this.
 - Other members agreed that this would be a bad policy.
 - Q: Why do we need this? A: To have consistency between TA's, SA's, and RA's.
 - Murdoch moved to table this item for further discussion. Seconded by Quinnett. Approved unanimously to table it.
 - Councilmembers will discuss this with their departments and bring feedback to the next meeting.
- F. Graduate Student Handbook
- McMurtry talked about the Graduate Student Handbook. He asked members to look at the Handbook template he created and let him know their thoughts.
 - Future plan is to require departments to have a Graduate Student Handbook.
- G. Graduate Faculty Status and Graduate Faculty Status Review
- McMurtry asked members to give him feedback on how to strengthen or change the FSH1700 section on Graduate Faculty Review.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Future Meetings:

October 3

October 24

November 14

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 105