

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Friday April 29, 2011 – 10:00 am
325 Graff Main Hall

Members Present: Carol Angell, Kasi Peryasamy, Jodi Rindt, Peg Maher, Anton Sanderfoot, Michelle Bingham, Glenn Wright, Bernadette Taylor

Consultants Present: Chris Bakkum

1. The agenda was unanimously approved
2. M/S/P to approve the minutes from the 4-8-2011
3. Communications and Announcements
Faculty Senate has indicated that Graduate Council cannot use e-mail to conduct business during the summer. A subcommittee made up of 2010-2011 members will therefore be set up to deal with summer business.
4. Consent agenda items
 - a. It was unanimously approved that Graduate Council will continue to meet twice each month, once mid-late January, and that a subcommittee will meet in summer as necessary.
 - b. It was unanimously approved that Graduate Council will meet on May 5, 2011 to clear up as much left over business as possible before the spring semester ends.
5. Business of the Day
 - a) Special Business
 1. Graduate Faculty Status Applicant Review
 - College of Business Administration**
M/S/P to approve one individual for associate status.
 - College of Liberal Studies**
M/S/P to approve sixteen individuals that received unanimous reviewer approval for affiliate status.
M/S/P to approve three individuals (following discussion) for affiliate status.
 - College of Science and Health**
M/S/P to approve eight individuals that received unanimous reviewer approval for the following statuses: Four at associate status and four at affiliate status.
Following discussion,
M/S/P to approve one applicant at provisional status.
M/S/P to approve one applicant at affiliate status.
M/SP to approve one applicant at associate status.
It was decided to table the decision on one individual in order to request an updated application.

2. GRC 799 Policy

The Faculty Senate Chair made some edits to the GRC 799 policy document, to clarify that GRC 799 fees must be paid in fall, spring and summer. Discussion about the inclusion of summer ensued. Language in the policy document will indicate that students must submit a written request for a GRC 799 fee waiver. Discussion ensued as to the most appropriate office for submission of such letters. It was suggested that letters should be submitted to the Graduate Studies office, which would then pass the letter along to the Graduate Council for consideration.

Tabled to gather more information.

b. General Business

Graduate Student Academic Appeal Process

The document containing a flow chart of this appeal process is still a work in progress. A recent additional box in the flow chart shows that students dismissed from a graduate program can enroll as special non-degree students. This box is in the “due process” section, but should be in the “appeal” section of the flow chart. A discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of allowing dismissed students to enroll as special non-degree students. It may be necessary for individual programs or departments to create their own policies on this issue, if they do not wish to allow dismissed students to enroll in their courses.

The narrative document showing appeal due process procedures was briefly viewed. This is also a work in progress, and further discussion was tabled until the next meeting since most council members had to leave.

Adjourned 11:35 am

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Taylor