



COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate Council Meeting MINUTES

Approved
May 04, 2017
09:00–11:00 AM
Room LIB-208

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| Attendees: | | | |
| COB | ✓ Dr. Monica Hernandez | ✓ Dr. Joseph Mollick | ✓ Dr. Alexandra Theodossiou |
| COEHD | ✓ Dr. Corinne Valadez | ✓ Dr. Frank Spaniol | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lynn Hemmer |
| CLA | ✓ Dr. David Gurney | ✓ Dr. Charles Etheridge | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CONHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Yolanda Keys | ✓ Dr. Pamela Greene | ✓ Dr. Sara Baldwin |
| CSE | ✓ Dr. Chris Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dulal Kar | ✓ Dr. David Felix |
| CGS | ✓ Dr. JoAnn Canales | ✓ Dr. Thomas Naehr | ✓ Dr. Steve Seidel |
| Ex-officio | ✓ Dr. Catherine Rudowsky | | |

I. Approval of Minutes from March 23 and April 13 meetings

The March 23 and April 13 minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Reports and Updates

A. Graduate Council Chair – Dr. Charles Etheridge

Dr. Etheridge thanked the members of the Graduate Council for their service and briefly reviewed major accomplishments made during AY 2016/17.

B. CGS Updates – Dr. JoAnn Canales

Dr. Canales stated that so far no nominations for Regents Professor were received. Dr. Mollick stated that the nomination deadline was extended to June 9th.

Dr. Canales stated that the number of student participants at this year's Pathways research conference will be limited to five per college, with the exception of CSE, which will send 10 students.

Blackboard Predict will soon be implemented to assist with early intervention for struggling students.

Dr. Marvarene Oliver will replace Dr. Seidel as the new Graduate Studies Fellow.

C. Committee Reports

i. Curriculum – Dr. David Gurney

1. Action item: Review process for stacked courses

The subcommittee recommended approval of the proposed procedure for review of stacked courses as submitted. The recommendation passed unanimously.

ii. Rules and Procedures – Dr. Joseph Mollick

1. Action item: Revisions to the Graduate Faculty Procedure

The subcommittee recommended approval of revised procedure 12.99.99.C3.01 as submitted. Friendly amendment to ensure consistent

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spelling/capitalization throughout the document was accepted. The recommendation passed unanimously.

2. Action item: Pending Graduate Faculty Applications

The subcommittee recommended approval of pending graduate faculty applications from CLA, COEHD, and CSE, pending additional information for six faculty from CLA and CSE. The recommendation passed unanimously. Dr. Naehr will request additional information.

D. Liaison Reports

i. ITDEC – Dr. Frank Spaniol

In an effort to improved retention, ODELT will offer training for faculty to submit midterm grades through Blackboard.

Faculty will be able to create assignments in Blackboard that are matched to certain standards (e.g., for certification), which will be useful for program reviews etc. ODELT will provide support.

Dr. Etheridge asked whether student records still become unavailable in Blackboard after graduation. Dr. Spaniol will check and follow up.

ii. Faculty Senate – Dr. Corinne Valadez

Faculty Senate had final meeting of the academic year. Dr. Spaniol will be the Speaker next year.

The Academic Affairs committee has completed several pending issues, including promotion for non-TT faculty.

iii. Library – Dr. Catherine Rudowsky

Faculty and staff art exhibit is ongoing; Jeff Janko has retired; Cell phone photography show is coming up; Smart boards have been ordered; 3-D printers are being installed; Simply Map, a new database for mapping trends in healthcare etc. is coming; J-store is being expanded.

iv. International – Dr. Joseph Mollick

A study abroad program in Costa Rica is being developed. Dr. Sanford has additional information.

Parade of Nations took place last week.

A proposal for a designated place of prayer for Muslims is being considered. Discussion ensued whether such a place should also be available to other religious groups on campus.

International enrollment is lower due to ESL transition.

University will soon be able to issue I-20 forms.

Dr. Bird asked whether there was any discussion about a proposed house bill regarding religious groups.

Dr. Canales inquired about the status of Study Group. Dr. Etheridge stated that the Study Group program is still not fully implemented.

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III. Unfinished Business

Graduate Council recommendations to CDC and Faculty Senate

Dr. Bird provided overview of revised document. Discussion followed.

Dr. Etheridge proposed to approve document as amended, requesting clarification of proposed supercommittee for catalog review. Dr. Gurney moved to approve, Dr. Baldwin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Matters Arising

Dr. Mollick voiced concern about the election process for Graduate Council members in the College of Business. Dr. Etheridge stated that the Council's bylaws do not specify how Council members are elected. Clarification of the bylaws may be necessary.

VI. Farewell to outgoing members

Council members who completed their terms received certificates thanking them for their service:

Dr. Monica Hernandez, Dr. Corinne Valadez, Dr. David Gurney, Dr. Yolanda Keys, Dr. Chris Bird, and Dr. David Felix.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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