

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017
IRIC 305
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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

- I. Approval of the minutes from April 5, 2017
- Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.
 - Approved unanimously.
- II. Announcements and reports
- A. COGS Dean
- Jerry McMurtry has been offered and has accepted the COGS Dean position.
- B. Update on TA Support Task Force
- McMurtry said he hasn't heard UBFC results re: his request to fully fund all TA's.
 - He hopes to at least get partial funding.
 - We are looking at Fall 18.
 - Would like to use awards to incentivize departments.
- III. Discussion Items
- A. Affiliate Faculty Serving as Major Professor
- Zadehgol asked why does affiliate faculty member need to come over be Major Professor in another department?
 - McMurtry gave the example of Ag Econ. It would make sense for Economics faculty (College of Business) be a Major Professor on an Agricultural Economics (CALs) committee.
 - Trebitz said Water resources is in a similar situation.
 - McMurtry said the same is true for all of the University-wide Programs.
 - McMurtry said a VTD faculty member wants to be the chair of a committee of a Computer Engineering student.
 - Murdoch has concerns:
 1. Affiliates don't generally have a teaching component.
 2. Graduate student completion is a big component of promotion and tenure.
 - Yager gave her own example:
 - She has degrees in Geology. She is currently faculty in Civil Engineering. She would like to serve as Major Professor for Geology students.
 - Murdoch asked why they cannot have a joint appointment between two departments.
 - Turner-Rahman suggested writing language that says this is under the discretion of the department chair and COGS dean.
 - McMurtry said he also gets requests for postdocs to be able to chair committees.

- He asked if we want language concerning non-thesis major prof vs. thesis major prof.
- Holyoke: what kind of information does the COGS dean request for affiliate faculty wanting to be major professors?
-- McMurtry: note from the department with rationale.
- A few members suggested writing language for Graduate Council to approve these cases.
- Murdoch suggested putting language together allowing for the dean of COGS to make the decision.
- Language will be written and brought to a future Graduate Council meeting for discussion.

B. Bi-State Food Science Faculty Issue

- There is a request to allow WSU faculty in Food Science to count toward the requirement that 50% of the student's committee is on UI Graduate Faculty.
- Murdoch is opposed to relaxing that rule. If we "own" the student, then we should have a majority stake on the committee. This feels like a power shift to WSU.
- McMurtry does not feel as concerned about it. It is tightly woven between the two schools, and most of the grad courses in Food Science are at WSU.
- Murdoch wants to maintain UI's culture with this program. WSU has a very different culture.
- McMurtry said this could have future implications with other bi-state programs that may come up at a later time.
- Holyoke: has this been brought up with Faculty Senate?
-- McMurtry: no, not yet.

C. Cooperative Articles in Theses/Dissertations

- McMurtry said the student must be the first or second author on articles. Several were received this semester with students being third, fourth, fifth, etc., author.
- Murdoch suggested these articles should count. He gave an example of a husband and wife team who were always first and last authors on every article.
- Others gave examples of how the order of authorship is decided, as well. Alphabetical, oldest faculty member first, etc.
- Zadehgol suggested that the rule should be that the article may only be used in one dissertation.
- McMurtry suggested the students should submit a contribution statement which all authors sign stating who did what percentage of the work. He also had the idea that the student must be the sole author on at least one article.
- What do we want the dissertation to represent?
-- The research of the student under the mentorship of faculty.
- McMurtry suggested language needs to be put in the catalog and the handbook about this.
- This will be on an agenda next Fall.

Future Meetings:

Fall meeting schedule TBD

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