

Graduate Council Talking Points: September 12, 2018

- **Announcements.**
 1. Introduction of new members.
 2. Kate Strum – Director of Graduate Student Support Programs will begin September 24.
 3. AGEP Grant Update – there is money for recruitment of STEM students from Native American schools. There are also funds available to send faculty to AISES and SACNAS conferences.
 4. UI is looking to expand the PSM degree to other colleges, beyond CNR. McMurtry is the point person for interested departments.
 5. TA awards – Members are in favor of the new TA policy. They were encouraged to get feedback from their departments.
- **JD/MPA Proposal.** Councilmembers voted to approve the proposal to create a coterminous JD/MPA degree.
- **Number of Law Credits on Graduate Program.** Members voted to allow 9 law credits to be counted toward a graduate degree.
- **Continuous Registration.** Proposal to create a continuous registration course for students to take when they are completely done with everything except their thesis/dissertation. A policy will be drafted.
- **Graduate Committee Membership Proposal.** A proposal was brought forth to change FSH 1700 language to read that Instructors and Senior Instructors may be allowed to serve on graduate committees. Councilmembers were not in favor of this, and a motion was not brought forward to approve it.
- **Minimum Credit Requirements for RA's.** Members discussed the possibility of requiring RA's to be enrolled as full-time students regardless of their FTE's to be consistent with TA and SA policies. Councilmembers were not in favor of a policy like this. They will discuss it with their departments and bring feedback to the next meeting.
- **Graduate Student Handbook.** McMurtry drafted a Graduate Student Handbook template and encouraged members to look at it. Future plan is to require all departments to have a Graduate Student Handbook.
- **Graduate Faculty Status and Graduate Faculty Status Review.** FSH 1700 section on Graduate Faculty Review needs to be strengthened. McMurtry asked for ideas from the departments.