

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
IRIC 305**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	David Tank (COS)
	Vacant (CAA)	X	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
X	Jeff Bailey (CBE)	X	Andrew Scheef (EHHS)	X	Ata Zadehgo (ENGR)
X	Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)	X	Alistair Smith (CNR)	X	Jordan Hardy (GPSA)
X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Connor Hill (GPSA)

- I. Approval of the minutes from April 24, 2019
 - Smith moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
 - Approved unanimously.

- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. Introduction of New Members –Andy Scheef (EHHS), Connor Hill (GPSA), Jordan Hardy (GPSA)
 - B. Enrollment Data
 - McMurtry gave the group 10th day enrollment figures for COGS. Up a little bit for continuing students. Down a little bit for new students.
 - C. LSAMP Grant
 - UI received a grant from NSF to support 12 Native American students in STEM Ph.D. programs.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Graduate Faculty Status
 - This item has been tabled until the QTT in Faculty Senate is finished.
 - McMurtry will share concerns expressed by Councilmembers with the other deans.
 - B. 500/600 Credit Limitations Follow-up
 - Lana Unger explained the issue and asked Council for guidance.

- IV. New Business
 - A. Rubric for Thesis/Dissertation
 - McMurtry asked Council if they want to create a rubric for thesis/dissertation defense.
 - Members were not generally in favor of this for various reasons:
 - could be useful for students to know what is expected, but finding something that is common for all across campus would be nightmarish.
 - General consensus was NO, this is not something Councilmembers want to do.
 - B. TA Workloads
 - McMurtry asked members if they want to write language to define TA workloads.
 - Comments:
 - Smith: CNR surveys all TA's in their college each semester. There is a big difference in workloads between students. They try to do a maximum of two courses for full-time TA appointments.
 - Quinnett: This should be a conversation between the student and major professor.
 - Warner: It should be an average of 20 hours per week over the course of the semester.
 - Hardy: what would be enforcement mechanism be?
 - McMurtry: would it be helpful to have broad guidelines for faculty?
 - Yes. Quinnett and Smith suggested it should be added to each Graduate Handbook.
 - Consensus was to have people add it to their Graduate Handbooks.

- C. Provisional Enrollment Language (attachment)
 - Council reviewed and discussed proposed catalog language changes for Provisional Enrollment.
 - Members recommended changes to the proposed language. McMurtry will edit and send the language to Councilmembers to share with their faculty.
- D. Catalog Language re: Reversion Grades (attachment)
 - McMurtry shared proposed edits to the Probation, Disqualification, and Reinstatement section of the catalog.
 - The change was to remove language that no longer applies re: GPA re-calculation after an incomplete is completed. This is no longer true.
 - Language concerning reinstatement after disqualification was also edited to include that a student must have a major professor and approved study plan and must get the positive recommendation from the program director and major professor.
 - Murdoch moved to approve with edits. Seconded by Smith.
 - Approved unanimously.
- E. 300 Level Courses on Study Plans
 - Members discussed whether 300 level courses should be allowed on a graduate study plan.
 - Comments/Questions:
 - No.
 - Example given of an AVS student needing to take an Engineering course. The course is important to the degree. It is not a deficiency course. The student should be allowed to count it.
 - Others felt it should be allowed in situations like discussed above.
 - It was suggested to not allow students to transfer 300 level courses, but do allow them to take it while under the advisement of their major professor.
 - This will be brought back for further discussion at a later time.
- F. Allowing 500/600 Credits on Non-thesis Degrees
 - McMurtry is not supportive of students using 500/600 courses for their non-thesis degrees. The non-thesis degree should be course-based.
 - Members are generally in support of allowing it. They felt the department should assess what courses should count.
 - Enforceable language is needed.
 - Language will be written and will be brought back for discussion.
- G. Transfer of 300/400 Level Courses from Other Institutions
 - This will be discussed at a later meeting.
- H. Curriculum Items
 1. EMBA
 - a. External Context of Business – 512 – change from 3 credits to 2 credits
 - b. Assessing to Improve – 543 – change from 3 credits to 1 credit
 - c. Taxation and Internal Controls – 53? – create new course
 - d. Strategic Financial Decisions – 544 – name change
 - e. Managing for Your Future – 546 – change course description
 - f. EMBA – change program from 42 to 36 credits
 - Smith moved to approve all together as one package. Seconded by Quinnett.
 - Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.