

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: January 16, 2018

The January 16, 2019 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:20 p.m. in the Joyce Thompson Lecture Hall, Library Room 101 by Dr. Husny Amerih, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Attendance:

- **Members:** Gretchen Busl, DiAnna Hynds, Dundee Lackey, Ann Wheeler, Jordan Fuchs, Philip Yang, Nerissa Gillum, Sharla Snider, Hyuk-Jin Lee, Husny Amerih, Kevin Becker, Pei-Fen Chang, David Nichols, Mindy Menn, Charlene Dickinson on behalf of S Bharadwaj, Alisa Woods, Hui-Ting Goh, Paula Clutter, Christopher Ray, Karen Dunlap, Edward Steffek, Emily Schaefer, Patricia Watson for Annette Torres Elias, Fuqin Liu for Becky Spencer
- **Guests:** Margaret Young, Robert Lothringer, Korie Hawkins, Sully Saucedo, Donna Scott Tilley, Terry Senne, Pam Youngblood, Mike Zanders, Gwen Weatherford, George King, Celia Lo

MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for November 14, 2019 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Dr. Carolyn Kapinus reported the following:**

Welcome to the first Grad Council Meeting of 2019!

Spring:

- Overall graduate enrollment is up 4.7% - 226 students
- Master's enrollment is up 5.4% (210 students)
- Doctoral enrollment is up 1.7% (16 students)

Summer and Fall numbers are trending in the right direction

Summer - Acceptances up 129% - 40 apps

Fall – Acceptances up 8% - 10 apps

In late fall Korie Hawkins started contacting all of the applicants who were accepted for spring but did not yet enroll. She found in some cases these accepted students have not received any communication from their program. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of communicating early and often with your applicants.

Graduate Showcase is on Saturday, **March 2:**

- Last year this was a very successful event

- Please sign up and participate – this is an excellent opportunity to highlight your program and show off the campus
- See Korie Hawkins for more details; email announcements will be forthcoming

The Graduate Research Associate Award deadline has been extended to **January 28**

- The award is to fund a graduate student to work on a faculty member's research project

Graduate Student Council will be sending out a call for nominations for your outstanding students for their annual Pioneering Spirit Awards – please consider recommending your students.

- **Dr. Ruth Johnson reported the following:**
 - GA Training will be this Friday, January 18 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 - On Base is on hold until mid-February- new trainings will be offered

GUEST SPEAKER: CRYSTAL HILL, DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

- Ms. Hill explained the services offered by Disability Services for Students and went over some examples of accommodations that can be made for the students. She provided some insight on how they can help students and faculty and the process.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2018-2019 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- **Executive Committee- Dr. Husny Amerih, Chair**
 - No Report
- **Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Husny Amerih on behalf of Dr. Parker Hevron, Chair**

The following program revisions were presented, voted on and approved:

 - Sociology MA Criminology Concentration (revised program)
 - Master of Music Therapy – (new program)
 - Masters of Education in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum (revised program)
 - Masters of Public Health (new program)
- **Research Committee – Dr. DiAnna Hynds, Chair**
 - She will be sending departments an email with the criteria for a potential award; Chancellor's Student Research Scholars and new, innovative research award
- **Academic Standards Committee - Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair**
 - Committee continues to conduct research into the rules and laws when it comes to Graduate Assistants who are not native English speakers. The committee will bring the recommendations to February's meeting.
 - Please provide feedback on how the current policies on the TOEFL for non-native English speaking GTAs impacts your programs: and

- How the re-application after 2 years, and
- Minimum course size policies affect your department.

- **Membership Committee - Dr. Nerissa Gillum**

- The committee made the following recommendations, they were voted on and approved (10 Full/ 3 Associate)

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| Asbury, Edward Titus | Psychology | Full |
| Chan, Josephine | Occupational Therapy | Associate |
| Chang, Pei Fen | Occupational Therapy | Full |
| DeOrnellas, Kathy | Psychology | Full |
| Gamblin, Sarah | Dance | Full |
| Keeley, Randa | Special Education | Full |
| King, George A. | Health Promotion and Kinesiology | Full |
| LeMieux, Monique J. | Nutrition and Food Sciences | Full |
| Lin, Chin-Nu | Nursing | Associate |
| Mollen, Debra | Counseling Psychology | Full |
| Nurse, Rachelle | Nursing | Full |
| Petersen, Michele | Visual Arts | Associate |
| Synar, Tanya | Visual Arts | Full |

- **College Representative Reapportionment ad hoc committee – Dr. David Nichols**

- Please review the adhoc report provided and send feedback on the 3 methods chosen by the committee

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adding “no progress” and “lack of adequate progress” to thesis and dissertation grade options. To be voted on during February’s meeting
- Expedited associate graduate faculty status approval for new tenure-track faculty (Voted and approved)

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

ADJOURNMENT: 2:23 pm