

## Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: February 20, 2019

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

### Attendance:

- **Members:** Gretchen Busl, Ellina Grigorieva, Parker Hevron, DiAnna Hynds, Dundee Lackey, Ann Wheeler, Jordan Fuchs, Philip Yang, Nerissa Gillum, Laura Trujillo-Jenks, Patricia Wilson on behalf of Annette Torres Elias, Hyuk-Jin Lee, Husny Amerih, Kevin Becker, Pei-Fen Chang, David Nichols, Mindy Menn, Charlene Dickinson on behalf of S Bharadwaj, Alisa Woods, Mindy Patterson, Paula Clutter, Becky Spencer, Laura Kubin, Erika Armstrong for Christopher Ray, Patricia Flint on behalf of Edward Steffek
- **Guests:** Margaret Young, Bobby Lothringer, Korie Hawkins, Sully Saucedo, Terry Senne, Brandon Bush, Chad Smith, Cynthia Evetts, Pushkala Raman, Mahmoud Sadri

### MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for January 16, 2019 were approved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

#### Application Trends

##### Summer

- Accepted applicants are up 43% overall (65 apps total)
  - Masters up 61% (72 apps total)
  - Doctoral acceptances are down 71% (10 apps total)

##### Fall (very volatile this far out)

- Accepted applicants are down 5% (20 apps)
  - Masters down 4% (16 apps)
  - Doctoral down 8% (13 apps)

With continued declines in state funding and stable or rising operating costs, to remain financially sound we will need to focus on growing enrollment where there is capacity and, equally or more importantly, increase retention and graduation.

This body is charged with overseeing graduate education policy. Such policies that can help with retention and streamlining (time is money) and this is critical to this university-wide enterprise.

- **Dr. Ruth Johnson reported the following:**
  - It is now past the deadline date to apply to graduate this spring. We ask and thank you for your continued support.

- Doctoral Student Policy; everything has to be completed and signed before a doctoral student can walk the stage.

**SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2018-2019 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- **Executive Committee- Dr. Husny Amerih, Chair**

- No Report

- **Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Parker Hevron, Chair**

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

- Master of Arts in Teaching - Revised
- Master of Science in Deaf Education – Revised
- Doctorate in Occupational Therapy - New
- Master of Business Administration - Revised

- **Research Committee – Dr. DiAnna Hynds, Chair**

- No Report. The committee will continue to work on sending information about upcoming awards and opportunities such as the Graduate Council Award for Exceptional Original Scholarship

- **Academic Standards Committee - Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair**

- Committee recommends that we wait on making changes to current policy for TOEFL for non-native English speaking GTAs until resources are available to provide students speaking assistance.

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

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

<b>Hanson, Laura</b>	Biology	Full
<b>Kim, Elizabeth</b>	Visual Arts	Full
<b>Maier, Camelia</b>	Biology	Full

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

- Committee presented five options for college representation; two options were proposed by Graduate Council members. Proposal is attached to agenda to be discussed in departments. (Council will vote on at next meeting).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Adding “no progress” and “lack of adequate progress” to thesis and dissertation grading options. Voted on and approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Revised Graduate Faculty Policy- recommendations made by the membership committee, presented by Dr. Carolyn Kapinus

- Inclusion of expedited review process for newly hired tenure-track faculty for associate status
- Academic component P & T committee review candidates for graduate faculty status instead all the members of the graduate faculty (membership committee recommendation for streamlining process).
- Same process for Assistant and Temporary Graduate Faculty Status review.
- Language updates: “academic component leader” for department chair; “college dean” for dean of academic component

**ADJOURNMENT: 2:34 pm**