January 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council


1. Call to order by P. Sheppard at 2:07 pm.

2. Old Business

   A. Recommendations of University Task Force on Graduate Education Governance

      • The Graduate Council began with the Task Force on Graduate Education Governance recommendation #3, bullet #1 (Hereafter referred to as TFR #). Motion made to support the job description of the Graduate Dean but also to request additional detail on the role of Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to support TFR #3, bullet #2. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to support TFR #3, bullet #3 with the request that language be added that states that executive decisions or interpretations made by the Graduate School Dean are not necessarily precedent setting. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to support TFR #3, bullet #4. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to support TFR #3, bullet #5 with the additional of language that encourages shared governance. Motion seconded and passed.

      • Motion made to support TFR #4, bullet #1 with the condition that the term “University-wide” be removed. Motion seconded and passed. In relation to TFR #4, bullet #2, motion made to support the recommendation to move the Graduate Council from area-based representation to college-based representation and to make the Graduate Council larger. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to support TFR #4, bullet #2, point #1. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to oppose TFR #4, bullet #2, point #2. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to oppose TFR #4, bullet #2, point #3. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to support TFR #4, bullet #2, points #4-6. Motion seconded and passed.

3. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.