

October 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council

Members Present: D. Baker, R. Cheek, W. Ferguson, S. France, D. Harrington, H. Hurst, A. Khattab, A. Lakhota D. Linton, A. Loewy, A. Magidin, K. Smith, D. Wadsworth, M. Wright, T. De Nardo, B. Hill, M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio member)

Members Absent: J. Albert, P. Auter, D. Bellar, C. Briggs, J. Davis-McElligatt, G. Gjertson, R. Hernandez, S. McNerny, D. Olivier, S. Ritchey,

1. Call to order by D. Linton at 2:03 p.m.
2. The list of degree candidates was presented and accepted by the Council.
3. Old Business:
 - A. The Council reviewed the recently revised Graduate Faculty Policy and two issues therein that J. Henderson requested additional consideration on, discussing phrasing throughout the document where clarification was required. Motion made to add the phrase “to work constructively with graduate students” to line 2 of the opening paragraph of the policy. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to add the phrase “they may apply for a regular, 5 year level two appointment at any point during that three year period including the initial application” to the section detailing the process for faculty members having recently completed the terminal degree. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to add the phrase “including sick leave” following the section detailing University-approved leave in regards to Graduate Faculty status. Motion seconded and passed. Motion made to add the phrase “with narratives supporting those recommendations” in the section detailing the process for review of an application. Motion seconded and passed.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Student Appeals Committee: No report.
 - B. Curriculum Committee: Report prepared and submitted by S. Ritchey, not present. The report was accepted by the Graduate Council.
 - C. Fellowship Committee: No report.
 - D. Graduate Faculty Review Committee: No report.
5. New Business:
 - A. D. Linton issued a call for two ad hoc committees to 1) revise the Graduate Council Handbook along with the Graduate Council description in the Graduate Faculty handbook and to 2) devise rules and regulations for Graduate Certificate programs. Deedra Harrington volunteered to chair the Graduate Council Handbook Committee

with Helen Hurst volunteering as a member. David Baker, Donna Wadsworth, and William Ferguson volunteered as members of the Graduate Certificates Rules and Regulations Committee.

- B. M. Farmer-Kaiser briefly discussed retention efforts at the University level for graduate students, stating that retention at the graduate level is fundamentally different from the undergraduate level. M. Farmer-Kaiser proposed the creation of a University committee on graduate student retention, comprised of representatives from the Graduate Council and the graduate faculty more broadly. M. Farmer-Kaiser asked that the Graduate Council help define the charge, the parameters, and the makeup of the committee.
- C. M. Farmer-Kaiser discussed the current selection process for commencement Grand Marshalls, with a brief mention of past Council discussions that called for a process that allowed for nominations from Graduate Faculty.

6. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.