UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sherrick 114

Council in Attendance:
Alan Dyer, Chair (Agriculture)    John Borkowski, Vice-Chair (Sciences)
Marc Giullian (Business)    John Seifert (Health & Human Development)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)    Timothy LeCain (Letters)
Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)    Tena Versland (Education)
Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Also in Attendance:
Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)
Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

Absent:
Ann Ewbank (Education)
Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)
Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Meeting started at 1:04 p.m.

Introductions of Dr. Tena Versland, Education alternate member

Oct 27, 2015 minutes
  - Chair Dyer called for motion to approve, Al-Kaisy moved to approve, Livingston second, unanimous pass.

Announcements
  - Updates on Faculty Senate issues (Babcock) –no report due to absence.

Old Business
  - Funding and fellowship opportunities; proposed call and metrics (handout provided by ad-hoc committee: LeCain, Seifert, Borkowski, & Al-Kaisy)
    - Meritorious & Presidential:
      - Could some awards be reserved for spring due to different admissions needs/timelines of some departments (e.g. History, Math, some Agriculture programs)?
      - If departments knew ahead of time how many awards they could potentially receive, it could help with recruiting
      - Consider distribution by college, rather than department? Or some be given at college level and then make remaining awards competitive by department?
        - Each college given at least one that they are eligible for?
• How to encourage expansion of program? i.e. awareness of program, increase number of submissions and competitiveness.
  o PhD Enhancement Awards
    ▪ Intend to create content for a new “call” letter
    ▪ Comments in handout
    ▪ Could any doctoral program apply for PhD Enhancement? E.g. DNP (Nursing) or EdD (Education)? Can it be changed?
    ▪ Chair Dyer suggests changes to criteria for evaluation: quality of program, quality of student, and how convincing argument/application is regarding how the award will impact program
    ▪ Could student’s financial situation be a factor in a decision?
    ▪ Suggestion: strike “impact on faculty workloads” #4 from evaluation criteria
    ▪ Chair Dyer asks member LeCain to write new call proposal for review on Nov 16th in Knox folder, vote via email on Nov 18th.

New Business
  • School of Computing Science, Level II proposal to change department name
    o Level II, Board of Regents proposal
    o Potential for inter- or multi-disciplinary degrees
    o Council requested context of request for next meeting
    o Chair Dyer calls for motion to table for next meeting, Livingston moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

Committee Reports
  • Policy and Procedures Committee
    o Graduate representative policy; proposal
      ▪ Chair Dyer asked member Shreffler-Grant to make policy proposal
      ▪ Presented to council with “for” and “against” comments from previous campus comments.
      ▪ Request for comment before presenting to Faculty Senate
        • Will discuss document at next meeting on 11/24/15. Send comments to member Shreffler-Grant.
        • Will vote to release to Faculty Senate at next meeting.

• Curriculum Committee
  o Clarify the definition of a contact hour
    ▪ Handled by Registrar’s Office
    ▪ Tabled indefinitely

• Governance Committee

Chair Dyer adjourns at 2:03pm.