UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Wednesday March 29, 2017        10:10 – 11:10 a.m.  ABB 145

Council in Attendance:
John Borkowski (Sciences)           Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)
Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)          Marc Giullian (Business)
Mary Miles (Health & Human Development) Robert Rydell (Letters)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture) Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)
Kristin Smith (Student Representative) Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)
Franke Wilmer (Faculty Senate)

Also in Attendance:
Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)      Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)
Megan Prettyman (International Programs)

Absent:
Ian van Coller (Arts)                  Tena Versland (Education)

Meeting started at 10:11am

March 1, 2017 minutes
• Livingston moves, Miles second, unanimous pass

March 8, 2017 minutes
• Miles moves, Livingston second, unanimous pass

Announcements
• Update: Faculty Senate (Wilmer)
  o Individual Interdisciplinary PhD (IIP) degree moves to May BOR meeting
• Update: Degree Programs & Certificates (Brown/Cerretti)
  o “March for Science” flyer and student email were provided as handouts
  o Current admissions numbers were provided as a handout
• Level II Proposal, PhD Statistics Education revision (Miles)
  o Math Dept withdrew proposal as a new PhD program; decided to wait and review

New Business
• PhD Enhancement Funds proposal review
  o Ad-hoc committee: Jean Shreffler-Grant, Marc Giullian, Chris Livingston, Mary Miles
  o Borkowski points out that American Studies is not a department and therefore is disqualified
    ▪ History submitted a proposal for 2 GTA lines
    ▪ Recommends that American Studies and History be considered together for the total request of 2 GTA lines (limit allowed by the CFP)
  o 8 departments applied
• 2 departments only requested 1 line; every other department requested the max of 2
  o The students who would receive the TA lines are named in the proposals
  o The award is intended for existing graduate students who have had previous teaching assistantships and/or for who teaching is a potential career path
  o Potentially some misunderstanding in the criteria led to proposals that referenced new students rather than experienced TAs
  o Q: Is there confusion regarding student type allowed to receive award? For example, do departments think masters students continuing into PhD program can qualify for the award?
    ▪ Name of award is “PhD Enhancement” so there should not be confusion
  o Discussion of merits of individual proposals by ad-hoc committee (UGC members whose departments did not submit an application)
  o Will review generously for FY17-18 but will revise “CFP” and rubric to clarify for the future
  o Dean Hoo will ask departments who have previously received this award to report on the progress of these students

Old Business
• “N” grade for 575 Professional Paper (Hoo)
  o If “N” (continuing) an option, must be used for traditionally graded and P/F 575 courses
  o Registrar suggested “judicious use of the ‘I’ (incomplete) grade” for students who do not complete their professional paper in the prescribed amount of credits
  o Dean Hoo asks Council to consider the “N” and “I” grade uses for 575 and will discuss at next meeting
• Department Handbooks (Borkowski)
  o Chair Borkowski will be giving charge to ad-hoc committee by end-of-week

Committee Reports
• Policy and Procedures Committee
• Curriculum Committee
• Governance Committee

Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting – April 12 at 10:10 a.m.