UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11-12:30pm Library CR1

Council in Attendance:
John Borkowski (Sciences) Marc Giullian (Business)
James Becker (Health & Human Development) Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture) Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)
Robert Rydell (Letters)
Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)
Tena Versland (Education)
Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

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

Absent:
Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)
Dennis Aig (Arts)
Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Meeting started at 11:06am

Jan 17, 2018 minutes
• Versland moves, Livingston second, unanimous approval

Announcements
• Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock/Richards)
  o Workload policy being discussed at FS today; policy will likely be recommended by FS
    by end of spring term
• DPC Update
  o Graduation applications due Feb 5th

Old Business
• Department Handbooks (Borkowski)
  o Sub-committee will meet in next two weeks to discuss template
  o Item has been on agenda since spring 2017

New Business
• PHD CHME proposal (Livingston)
  o Proposal sent via email to Council, discussion ensues
  o Re-establishing the PhD in CHME
  o Credential most appropriate to professionals practicing in the field, gives name recognition
Numerical errors in credits were found in the proposal
Proposal/program relies on courses from other units at MSU
Curriculum sub-committee chair Livingston will compile questions from Council to send to Chemical Engineering; Council to send questions to Livingston by Monday Feb 5th

• **Update on Doctoral Program Prioritization (Hoo), PowerPoint presentation**
  - First organizational meeting was in December 2017; charged with ranking internal doctoral programs
  - MSU has about 40 doctoral programs
  - Administrative prioritization already underway at MSU in the form of shared services (for IT, human resources, business processes)
  - Ultimate outcome/goal is to improve doctoral (PhD, EdD, DNP) program portfolio
  - Committee timeline: 1 year from Nov 2017
  - Dean Hoo has reached out to universities that have gone through an academic prioritization for support/best practices
  - Doctoral program prioritization committee (DPPC) plan to hold charrettes in February for campus feedback/information
  - DPPC meeting tomorrow, 2/1/18

• **2018-2019 PhD Enhancement Awards**
  - Proposals in UGC shared drive for review
  - 24 requests for funding from 12 different PhD programs
  - $18K per award; a program can request up to 2 awards
  - There is funding for 12 students
  - Ad-hoc committee: Livingston, Giullian, Al-Kaisy, Versland, Becker, Shreffler-Grant
    - Send assessments/scores to Dean Hoo before next UGC meeting

Adjourned at 12:20pm

Next scheduled meeting – February 14, 2018 at 11 am