UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018  11-12:30pm  Library CR1

Council in Attendance:
John Borkowski (Sciences)  Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)
Robert Rydell (Letters)    Christopher Livingston (Architecture)
Marc Giullian (Business)   Tena Versland (Education)
Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)  Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)
Brock Smith (Agriculture)
James Becker (Health & Human Development)
Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)
Abigail Richards (Faculty Senate)

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

Absent:
Dennis Aig (Arts)

Meeting started at 11:00am

April 11, 2018 minutes
• Livingston moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

Announcements
• Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock/Richards)
  o Several Level II proposals are being discussed
  o MAT on BoR agenda for September
• Update: DPC
  o Graduation Celebration, April 27 @ 3:30 in Alumni Legacy Lounge

Old Business
• Reporting of Comprehensive Exams requirement, discussion of draft proposal (Al-Kaisy)
  o Document was posted to shared drive for review last week
  o Discussion on reporting, naming/defining exams, purpose of exams, changing policy to include master’s policy (current focus: PhD)
  o Revisit fall 2018
• Master of Science in Dietetic Systems Leadership (DSLI-MS) proposal (Livingston)
  o Approved by UGC and sent to Faculty Senate with a letter attached
• Doctor of Philosophy in Psychological Science (PYSC-PHD) proposal (Livingston)
  o Degree name change only
  o Approved by UGC and sent forward
• **MSU Library, ex officio non-voting member request (Hoo)**
  o Library sent memo to the GS; the GS forward to UGC Chair and Vice Chair for review
  o Q: Library didn’t specifically request non-voting, what should UGC do?
    ▪ Voting would be a bylaw change
    ▪ Need time to process change
  o Concerns would adding a member from Library be critical? Would we be expanding Council unnecessarily?
    ▪ Some agreement that more members aren’t necessarily helpful; what the Library could bring to the meetings may not be critical input
  o UGC Chair is neutral about adding a Library member
    ▪ Other members also unconcerned as long as Library is non-voting member
  o Comment: Library being aware and informed about Council discussions (e.g., program proposals, graduate student needs, and so on) could be helpful to larger campus perspective
  o UGC Chair will send memo to entire Council for review—send feedback by end of next week—and re-visit when Council reconvenes in fall 2018

• **Dean Hoo and Chair Borkowski meeting with L&S Dean next week to ask L&S to pilot draft of a handbook template**

**New Business**

- **Should Council write IIP application template? Dean Hoo asks Council to think about it**
- **BS/MS in Computer Science (Livingston/Hoo)**
  o Not yet in UGC queue in CiM
  o CS wants to reserve 12 credits (policy allows 9) when student is undergrad senior and will not double-count any credits
  o Will be MS Plan A (Thesis)
  o CS hoping to recruit PhD students from their own undergraduates
  o Dean Hoo concerned proposal does not require GRE subject test
    ▪ GRE CS subject test has value
    ▪ Worries if students leave with MS to go to another PhD program, external program will likely require GRE and could reflect poorly on MSU admission’s quality
  o Will review when Council reconvenes fall 2018

**Special sub-committee**

- **Provost’s Award for Graduate Research/Creativity Mentoring revision**
  o Still in revisions, trying to accommodate issues that came up in previous rounds of the award: years at MSU, numbers of students worked with (these items bias faculty who’ve been at MSU longest)
  o Changing “weight” of scoring criteria to make scoring fairer between masters/PhD and longtime faculty/newer faculty
  o Will send to Council for feedback when ready, to be discussed when Council reconvenes fall 2018

**Student rep Bills thanks Council for allowing her to serve and remarks that she would be happy to serve next year.**

Adjourned at 12:20 pm

*Next scheduled meeting – Fall 2018 schedule TBD*