Tuesday Sept 26, 2017 2 – 3 p.m. Wilson 2-257

Council in Attendance:
Dennis Aig (Arts) John Borkowski (Sciences) Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering) James Becker (Health & Human Development) Christopher Livingston (Architecture) Robert Rydell (Letters) Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School) Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing) Kathryn Bills (Student Representative) Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate) Fabian Menalled (Agriculture) Marc Giullian (Business)

Also in Attendance:
Joshua Meyer (alternate Student Representative) Amanda Brown (The Graduate School) Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School) Megan Prettyman (International Programs)

Absent:
Tena Versland (Education)

Meeting started at 2:00 pm

September 12, 2017 minutes
• Livingston Moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

Announcements
• Welcome new student members: Kathryn Bills (Earth Sciences) and Joshua Meyer (Education; alternate)
• Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock)
  o New graduate courses approved by curriculum steering committee
  o RIDE (regional initiatives in dental education) Dental graduate program (in coordination with University of Washington) to create a dental student training program addressing dental care access in Montana
• Accreditation: Office of the Provost (guest Tamela Eitle, Interim Assoc. Provost)
  o Last full accreditation report was 2009; current visit planned for Oct 16-18, 2017
  o Core themes are major focus, which is the same as MSU’s strategic goals (email from President’s Office today emphasized this)
  o Accreditors will be on campus and can speak to anyone; Dr. Eitle feels visitors will want to meet with UGC
• 8 accreditors will visit campus and most are not faculty, more administrative
  o MSU’s self-study posted online; accreditors will review self-study
• Self-study addresses graduate education in certain “standards” (2 and 4) in report
  o Standard 2: Learning – program admissions, degree requirements, graduate appointments, and so forth
Standard 4. Discovery – learning outcomes, new courses, improvements and so forth

- Self-study missing a lot of information from graduate programs. Programs have not submitted information to be included in the self-study even while these same departments reported 100% information for their undergraduate programs

Old Business
- Graduate Faculty Status (Borkowski)
  - Dean Hoo shares preamble from policy proposal which explains why campus should support Graduate Faculty Status (GFS) at MSU: GFS is a way to recognize that community of faculty guide graduate students to advanced degrees
  - Q: Are all faculty (including adjunct, NTT, affiliate, emeritus) eligible to have Grad Faculty Status?
    - Yes. There are legal issues to work through, but that is the idea. NTT faculty will be addressed in policy proposal draft.
  - Q: Is there general support from members of UGC for the idea of Graduate Faculty status?
    - Architecture: numerous complicated faculty appointments make idea of GFS confusing for their department; for T/TT faculty, GFS is perceived as straightforward
    - Film: reception to GFS at faculty meeting was not very positive because employ so many NTT who have variety of backgrounds (and degrees) with such varied responsibilities within the program
    - Business: similar to A&A, single master’s degree and lots of NTT faculty who don’t serve on committees; expect most are indifferent to idea
      - Was GFS addressed in workload task force?
      - Babcock: yes, it was discussed
    - Nursing: CoN T/TT faculty likely supportive of idea and would not change responsibilities; as long as there is some mechanism to have NTT be appointed to graduate committees, NTT faculty would also likely be supportive; if GFS increases visibility of role of faculty to support grad education, is a worthy goal
  - Note: Faculty Handbook does not include language re: GFS
  - Dean Hoo reads GFS policy proposal to UGC; Legal was consulted on some salient points of the current draft of the proposal
    - Q: Will all T/TT faculty be granted GFS initially? Is there a review?
      - All T/TT will be appointed initially unless a department head does not support a certain appointment, or a T/TT faculty notifies the GS that they opt out
      - FS Babcock will provide some input on this draft prior to circulation among UGC
      - Revised draft will be sent to UGC; Chair Borkowski and Dean Hoo ask UGC to share with their deans; UGC Chair and Dean Hoo would like to meet with the college deans

Adjourned at 3 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting – Oct 17 at 2 p.m.