Council in Attendance:
Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)
Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)
Marc Giullian (Business)
Brock Smith (Agriculture)
Dennis Aig (Arts)
Sara Mannheimer (Library)
Ron Larsen (Interim Dean of The Graduate School)
Nicolas Yunes (Letters & Science)
Yujian Wang (International Programs)
Eric Austin (Faculty Senate)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)
Tena Versland (Education)
James Becker (Health & Human Development)
Robert Rydell (Letters & Science)

Also in Attendance:
Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)
Emily Peters (Graduate School)

Absent:
Sobia Anjum (Student Representative)

Meeting started at 2:02 pm

March 11, 2019 minutes
• Motion to approve made by Livingston, 2nd by Giullian, unanimously passed

Announcements
• Faculty Senate update (Austin)
  o Reviewing updated internship policy; send questions/concerns as soon as possible
  o Brock Tessman from OCHE met with faculty senate last week
    ▪ 3 proposals for new graduate programs were held up by OCHE due to overlap with other campuses
    ▪ Clarification of OCHE’s process; moving forward, OCHE will try to facilitate discussion regarding overlapping programs
    ▪ More information to come from OCHE – will share with UGC

• Graduate School update
  o Dean search in progress; 3 candidates on campus this week
All units on campus requested to create strategic plans to align with the university strategic plan – due by Sept 15th
  ▪ Starting process for The Graduate School – will get UGC input
  ▪ 3 IIP proposals: reviewers should all now have access
  ▪ Spring graduation is full
    ▪ The Graduate School is receiving formal requests to walk early (ex. 1 credit extension) – have started being denied by the Office of the Registrar
    ▪ Office of the Registrar said The Graduate School originally requested policy to be graduate students don't walk until officially completed
      ▪ Q: Is this UGC’s stance?
        ▪ Elaboration on process: 5 out of term walkers allowed at each ceremony (grad and undergrad combined); summer undergrad students walk in spring, summer graduate students invited to fall ceremony; discussion of ticketing guests; appeal process
        ▪ Open discussion: difference of 1 credit extension v. summer grads; space available at previous ceremonies; saying no is negative PR
    ▪ Dean Larsen will pass along UGC feedback

Old Business
• Reporting of Comprehensive Exam requirement, proposal revisions (Larsen)
  ▪ Dean Larsen provides overview of proposal revisions
  ▪ Comments:
    ▪ Comp exam terminology – different departments use different terminology
      ▪ Comp exam is defined by the new policy
      ▪ Grad program handbooks can provide further clarification by department
    ▪ Definition of candidate for doctoral degree
      ▪ Discussion that most MSU programs don’t make a major distinction
      ▪ Candidacy can be defined in the program handbook
      ▪ Discussion of potential benefits: stipend increase, incentive to take exams earlier
    ▪ Exam reporting
      ▪ Q: If results of exams are only maintained by the program, could you end up with a graduate that didn’t complete the appropriate exams and needs to return to finish requirements?
        ▪ Discussion: no, most likely a student wouldn't be required to come back
        ▪ Importance of reporting: university grants degrees, not departments
      ▪ Q: Is The Graduate School okay with only comprehensive exams being reported?
        ▪ Prefer to have a complete student record
        ▪ Need to know which programs require what – consistent requirement for all students
        ▪ Suggestion: if a qualifying exam is given, report the qualifying exam
          ▪ The Graduate School currently asks for qualifying, comprehensive, and defenses on program of study
            ▪ Feeds to DegreeWorks
            ▪ Grad School staff follow up with department if there is an inconsistency

New Business
Committee Reports

- Policy and Procedures Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Governance Committee

Adjourned at 2:52 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Monday, April 8, 2019. 2:00 – 3:00 PM in ABB 145.