UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Wednesday, Oct 17, 2018        12-1pm  Reid 415

Council in Attendance:
Susan Kollin (Letters)          Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)
Marc Giullian (Business)        Nicolas Yunes (Sciences)
Brock Smith (Agriculture)       Dennis Aig (Arts)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)  Ann Ewbank (Education)
James Becker (Health & Human Development)  Sobia Anjum (Student Representative)
Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Also in Attendance:
Brett Walker (Faculty Senate)
Doralyn Rossmann (Library)
Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)
Amanda Brown (Graduate School)
Yujian (Ivy) Wang (OIP)

Absent:
Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)
Tena Versland (Education)
Sara Mannheimer (Library)

Meeting started at 12:00pm

Oct 3, 2018 minutes
• Livingston moves, Yunes second, unanimous approval

Announcements
• Faculty Senate update (Walker/Richards)
  o Renaming of MBII PhD program to merge title to PhD in Microbiology & Immunology
  o “Seamless” Computer Science program likely to be voted on at Faculty Senate today
• Graduate School update
  o Enrollment data handout (also posted to shared drive)
  o Career-focus Professional Development event for graduate students tomorrow, 10/18
• OIP Update (Wang)
  o Travel for recruitment to China for several weeks
  o OIP re-started Global Faculty Advisor group; goal is to partner with departments/faculty on student recruitment and to make MSU an international university

Old Business
• Reporting of Comprehensive Exams requirement (Al-Kaisy)
  o Draft was posted to UGC website for campus comment and emailed to department head & graduate coordinator listservs; will wait for feedback and discuss at next meeting
Committee Reports

• Curriculum Committee
  o Courseleaf appears to have been down for a few days because no course approvals came in

• Governance Committee
  o MSU library representative & Graduate Student representative language revision (draft from 10/3 meeting)
    ▪ Draft formalizes OIP and Library as non-voting members of Council
    ▪ Draft formalizes that student representative serve for a one-year term that can be renewed one time for a maximum of two years
    ▪ Q: should bylaws include mechanism for student member applications/choosing student?
      • Add language about student being chosen by Council but leave “mechanism” out to give UGC flexibility
    ▪ Comment: in the future, Council might consider having a master’s student and a PhD student because students face different issues
    ▪ Chair asks for motion based on accepting revisions in draft and adding language “to be selected by Council”
      • Giullian moves, Livingston second, unanimous pass

Adjourned at 12:34 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Oct 31, 2018