

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Sherrick 114

### Council in Attendance:

Alan Dyer, Chair (Agriculture)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

John Borkowski, Vice-Chair (Sciences)

John Seifert (Health & Human Development)

Timothy LeCain (Letters)

Tena Versland (Education)

### Also in Attendance:

Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)

Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

### Absent:

Ann Ewbank (Education)

Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

### Meeting started at 1:04 p.m.

Introduction of Dr. Tena Versland, Education alternate member

### **Oct 27, 2015 minutes**

- Chair Dyer called for motion to approve, Al-Kaisy moved to approve, Livingston second, unanimous pass.

### **Announcements**

- Updates on Faculty Senate issues (Babcock) –no report due to absence.

### **Old Business**

- Funding and fellowship opportunities; proposed call and metrics (handout provided by ad-hoc committee: LeCain, Seifert, Borkowski, & Al-Kaisy)
  - Meritorious & Presidential:
    - Could some awards be reserved for spring due to different admissions needs/timelines of some departments (e.g. History, Math, some Agriculture programs)?
    - If departments knew ahead of time how many awards they could potentially receive, it could help with recruiting
    - Consider distribution by college, rather than department? Or some be given at college level and then make remaining awards competitive by department?
      - Each college given at least one that they are eligible for?

- How to encourage expansion of program? i.e. awareness of program, increase number of submissions and competitiveness.
- PhD Enhancement Awards
  - Intend to create content for a new “call” letter
  - Comments in handout
  - Could any doctoral program apply for PhD Enhancement? E.g. DNP (Nursing) or EdD (Education)? Can it be changed?
  - Chair Dyer suggests changes to criteria for evaluation: quality of program, quality of student, and how convincing argument/application is regarding how the award will impact program
  - Could student’s financial situation be a factor in a decision?
  - Suggestion: strike “impact on faculty workloads” #4 from evaluation criteria
  - Chair Dyer asks member LeCain to write new call proposal for review on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> in Knox folder, vote via email on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

- School of Computing Science, Level II proposal to change department name
  - Level II, Board of Regents proposal
  - Potential for inter- or multi-disciplinary degrees
  - Council requested context of request for next meeting
  - Chair Dyer calls for motion to table for next meeting, Livingston moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

### **Committee Reports**

- **Policy and Procedures Committee**
  - Graduate representative policy; proposal
    - Chair Dyer asked member Shreffler-Grant to make policy proposal
    - Presented to council with “for” and “against” comments from previous campus comments.
    - Request for comment before presenting to Faculty Senate
      - Will discuss document at next meeting on 11/24/15. Send comments to member Shreffler-Grant.
      - Will vote to release to Faculty Senate at next meeting.
- **Curriculum Committee**
  - Clarify the definition of a contact hour
    - Handled by Registrar’s Office
    - Tabled indefinitely

- **Governance Committee**

**Chair Dyer adjourns at 2:03pm.**