March 23, 2023 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. President’s Conference Room

Council in Attendance:
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)
Jennifer Thomson (Faculty Senate)
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Heidi Koenig (Student Representative)
Michael Everts (Architecture)
Stephan Warnat (Engineering)
Jane Mangold (Agriculture)
Marc Giullian (Business)

Also in Attendance:
Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

Absent
Arts Representative
Brian Rossmann (Library)
Wade Hill (Nursing)
Catherine Dunlop (Letters)

Meeting started at 10:05 a.m.

March 9, 2023 minutes
• Motion to approve by Warnat, Giullian 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 6 pass, unanimous pass

Announcements
• Update from the Dean
  o April 24\textsuperscript{th} GradCat Spring Summit—half-day professional development event hosted by Grad School. Concurrent sessions and a keynote from Bozeman Commissioner Christopher Coburn
  o May 2 Research Celebration, led by Allison Harmon, interim VPRED
    ▪ 3MT (3-minute thesis) competition
    ▪ Research Hero nomination, form on VPR website
  o Dean Ogilvie working with university housing re: where Bozeman rental market is going. Consultants predict annual percentage increase of 2-3\% in monthly rent in off-campus apartments immediately surrounding campus
    ▪ University Housing is about half the cost
    ▪ Hopeful the report from the consultants encourages the university to expand university housing
• Off-campus vacancy rates are currently about 2%, the report predicts an increase to 5% when apartments that are currently being built are finished. That the vacancy rate is expected to stay near or below 5% is why the off-campus rent prices are not predicted to decrease.

• Q: What is the current process for determining who gets into university housing?
  • There are waitlists. Dean Ogilvie working for graduate students to get some level of priority on the list
  • Concerned about our LGBTQ+ graduate students
    • Reached out to QSA (Queer Straight Alliance student group) to see if there is anything Grad School can do. Offered them to apply for community-building mini grants
    • Meeting with Graduate Student Leadership Council tomorrow
    • Grad School printing inclusive posters adapted from Library’s design to hang in offices—“Grad School is for Everyone”
    • Concerned about campus climate
    • Q: Can we adapt posters for departments?
      • Will connect council with library contact
    • Teach-in 4-10pm tomorrow, ASMSU is the contact

• Faculty Senate update (Thomson)
  • Considered text for a resolution on solidarity or speaking out against threats
    • Text was crafted with assistance from President’s Office, Legal, and Communications Director
    • Statement on behalf of the faculty of MSU
  • Received updates on Sustainability Plan

Old Business

• Appeal policy language (policy committee update)
  • Plan to have a document to vote on at next meeting
  • Working on flow charts based on OIE charts
• Learning outcomes for credits such as professional paper, thesis/dissertation credits (curriculum committee update)
  • Starting document soon
• Non-Profit Certificate, level I proposal
  • A lot of communication with department proposer and new draft of proposal presented
  • Warnat moves to vote, Windchief seconds
    • Discussion ensues:
    • Q: What was result of overlap with Univ Montana concern?
      • No longer a concern
    • 7 approve, unanimous pass
• Draft policy on doctoral qualifier exams, new draft (Ogilvie)
  • Some departments are vocal that they need a way to dismiss if student isn’t doing well in the program
    • Draft policy states cannot dismiss solely on the basis of the exam but can be used as one data point in a dismissal
Policy revised to provide more procedure and clarification regarding Academic Warning, dismissal, change from PhD to master's, and notifications.

Q: Are retention and graduation rates part of the strategic plan?
   ▪ Not exactly, number of total degrees awarded are.

Q: Text in preamble includes suggestion of holistic process for examination. Could that be added in the policy language?
   ▪ Departments are concerned about their autonomy not being encroached upon, adding that language might step into that line.

Q: Should Council add text to page 1 policy unsatisfactory progress “as deemed by the student’s graduate committee”?
   ▪ Subcommittee will do this.

Q: Has the qualifying exam been defined?
   ▪ No, but language included in proposed policy that states “No student can be suspended from their program […] based solely on an exam taken between admission and a program’s comprehensive exam.”

Likely ready to vote at next meeting but may wait to share with graduate coordinators once final draft is ready.

Draft Guidelines in Changing Advisor (new draft)
   ▪ Added/moved privacy statement to top of draft.
   ▪ Added links to e.g. Title IX office.
   ▪ Dean Ogilvie ready to post to GS website—does not require vote because it is guidelines, not policy.

New Business
   • Open floor
     ▪ Counseling query why must master’s students wait 6 months to retake comp exam?
       ▪ Time set to protect student
       ▪ Can always appeal

Update from Subcommittees

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting – April 6, 2023

Subcommittees

   • Policy and Procedures Committee (Hill, Mangold, Everts, Rossman)
   • Curriculum Committee (Reines, Warnat, Thomson, Reeves)
   • Governance Committee (Dunlop, Giulian, Franklin, Sweeney)
     ▪ Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee