April 20, 2023                  10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.                    President’s Conference Room

**Council in Attendance:**
Catherine Dunlop (Letters)
Marc Giullian (Business)
Brian Rossmann (Library)
Jennifer Thomson (Faculty Senate)
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)
Stephan Warnat (Engineering)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Wade Hill (Nursing)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Heidi Koenig (Student Representative)
Scott Powell (Agriculture alternate)
Michael Everts (Architecture)

**Also in Attendance:**
Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

**Absent**
Arts Representative
Jane Mangold (Agriculture)
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

**April 6, 2023 minutes**
- Motion to approve by Warnat, Hill 2nd, unanimous pass

**Announcements**

**Update from the Dean**
- Met with oSTEM (Out in STEM) club and heard their concerns about campus climate and safety
- CIMER trainings on campus, uses case studies on e.g. inclusion. There will be CIMER workshops for faculty
- Indigenous Mentoring training also in May
- Thinking of GTA training in fall 2023, being effective in the classroom
  - Option is to recruit senior graduate students to be Safe Zone trainers to run Safe Zone level 1 for GTAs in fall
  - Currently only small number of Safe Zone trainers on campus
Housing: more grad students in housing than ever before. Increase in demand from undergrads could threaten grad access to housing (increase because of off-campus rental costs)

- Year & half ago housing changed contract to deny housing for those seeking a second degree of the same type (e.g. two master's level degrees), even for international students, and added time limits to housing for master's (36 months/3 years) and doctoral (72 months/6 years)
  - Dean Ogilvie asking the second master's policy to be reversed and to increase the time limit
  - Comment: member knows students who graduate but cannot find housing in Bozeman (though they are employed) so they re-enroll in a certificate to keep campus housing. Most have children.
  - Comment: emails from housing causing stress for students in housing
  - Q: Why isn’t Grad School policy on course age applicable for housing?
    - Housing interested in a more specific period of time; if courses roll off POS, student is still an active graduate student
  - Q: if students put on waitlist for fall, how good is chance to have housing?
    - Pretty good, but not certain until housing knows how many current occupants are leaving.
    - Q: Could we rethink language? “Waitlist” doesn’t convey that there will be a place for them to live. Could word more clearly, give date of when decision is coming. E.g. “pending decision”
  - Member Thomson asks housing policy info to be sent so she can share with Faculty Senate

- Dean Ogilvie has received request from graduate students for external door security measure on one of the dormitory towers. Dean Ogilvie working with housing
- GradCat spring summit—April 24th and online summit offerings April 25 & 26

**Faculty Senate update (Thomson)**

- Brainstorm session with administrators last week re: campus climate
- Approved amendments to faculty handbook, included new definition for review period, sustained effectiveness in teaching, changing definition of student to match student code of conduct
- Reviewed proposed amendment to mental health resolution, received additional public comment
- Students suggested via faculty member that campus should make student health fee opt-out instead of opt-in to reduce stigma and because it would cause faculty grants to cover fee automatically if have GRA
  - Would like UGC support moving this forward
  - Comment: would like more student input because there is a chance students would accidentally pay by forgetting to opt out.
  - Comment: could help students whose faculty advisor pays required fees but not opt-in fees
Asked Student Member Heidi Koenig to bring issue to Graduate Student Leadership Council
Q: Would Council support Dean Ogilvie asking Joe Young if health fee can be separated from other fees?
  • Yes

Old Business

• Learning outcomes for credits such as professional paper, thesis/dissertation credits (curriculum committee, handout), discussion
  o Document handed out is guideline, wouldn’t be policy, and can be used for course entry information in CiM
  o Comment: Could update title to more clearly show this is for research courses (current title of document is “class objective in graduate classes”)
  o Q: Is there anyway to bypass review process for a course if programs use info on this handout?
    ▪ A simplified workflow may be possible; Faculty Senate would have to agree as well
    ▪ Thomson can share document with FS with the context that, if approved, could bypass FS
  o Add 575 and 592
  o Please send feedback to Member Warnat by next Thursday
• Draft policy on doctoral entrance exams (policy subcommittee)
  o Comment: no split in GS policy with how we manage comprehensive exams, suggest remove the word “oral” from sentence on top of second page so sentence reads just “comprehensive exams.”
  o Chair Dunlop calls for motion, Windchief moves, Reines 2nd, unanimous pass
  o Next step, goes to JAGS
• Changing master’s thesis credits requirement, programs can choose either nine or ten credits (policy subcommittee)
  o Subcommittee asking for direction
    ▪ Asked to write sentence to change master’s thesis policy
  o Choice would be made by program, not vary student to student

New Business

• Will meet May 4th 10-11am (added meeting)

Public comment

• CCAMPIS childcare grant app is now open
  o Will send link to Grad Council
• Dissertation completion grants opening for fall on June 1
  o Q: are those competitive?
    ▪ No, but relies on student’s committee to ensure completion

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting – May 4, 2023 at 10am