May 4, 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)
Michael Everts (Architecture)
Jane Mangold (Agriculture)
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)

Also in Attendance:
Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Absent
Arts Representative

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

April 20, 2023 minutes
  • Motion to approve by Giullian, Warnat 2nd, 7 pass, 1 abstain

Announcements

  • Update from the Dean
    o 405 graduate degree candidates set to graduate next Friday
    o This is a Carnegie-counting year: counts research doctorates as well as research activity as a university and how many people on staff have a PhD
      ▪ Q: Is Carnegie changing their counting this year?
        • Adding new categories
    o Notified by NSF to prepare public abstract about Bridge to PhD funding application. Program designed for 12 Native American students in STEM, covers tuition and fees
      ▪ Not awarded yet
      ▪ Q: Are you coordinating with STEM depts for recruiting?
        • Yes, when grant is awarded
        • Encouraging current students to reach out to people they know
- Q: If it’s a 2 year grant, how does it fund PhD?
  - Expectation is GRA will be provided by program after two years

- **Faculty Senate update (Thomson)**
  - Adopted revision to mental health initiative
  - Heard update from athletics
  - Q: Saw that legislature adjourned. Was budget approved to fund MUS?
    - Yes, Senate adjourned Tuesday morning and House then accomplished anything outstanding for state before adjourning that night
  - Tuition increase will be voted on at BoR meeting in two weeks—for in and out of state, for UG and GR
    - Will be in effect in fall 2023 if passed

**Old Business**

- Learning outcomes for credits such as professional paper, thesis/dissertation credits (curriculum committee, handout), discussion
  - Update from FS: approved this document to be reviewed by Senate in August 2023 and if doc approved then would be fast-track to course approval if use language in document
  - Main edits: wording, adding courses as requested, and workflow
  - Will add 675 and 689 to example courses
  - Q: Does it need to be vetted by Provost before FS?
    - Dean Ogilvie will check
  - **Chair asks for motion to recommend forwarding of guidelines** (Reines moves, Mangold 2nd, unanimous)
    - Will send to FS when last edit made and Provost Office approves

- Changing master’s thesis credits requirement, programs can choose either nine or ten credits (policy subcommittee)
  - Q: What does “content coursework” mean?
    - Differentiating between research and coursework courses
  - CiM curriculum change would be required to change degree requirements to 9 credits of thesis
  - **Chair calls for motion to approve policy as written, Warnat moves, Windchief 2nd, unanimous pass**
    - Will go to FS JAGS next

**New Business**

**Public comment**

- Dean Ogilvie: P/F credits discussion, master’s comprehensive exams, will be coming in the fall
- ChemBiochem Grad Student Club hosting Science Olympics next spring for any STEM clubs
- Graduate Employee Association contract up for renewal
- Member Mangold will be on sabbatical next year and a replacement will be chosen by Agriculture
- Grad School will send When is Good poll in August
Adjourned at 10:50am

Next scheduled meeting – Fall 2023