

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

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**
 - 405 graduate degree candidates set to graduate next Friday
 - 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
 - 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