UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

October 11, 2022                  1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.                    President’s Conference Room

Council in Attendance:
Anja Kunze (Engineering, substituting for Stephan Warnat)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Wade Hill (Nursing)
Catherine Dunlop (Letters)
Marc Giulian (Business)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Michael Everts (Architecture)
Jane Mangold (Agriculture)
Jennifer Thomson (Faculty Senate)
Heidi Koenig (Student Representative)
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)

Also in Attendance:
Emily Peters (Graduate School)
Susan Raph (Nursing, Associate Dean)
Rebecca Koltz (HHD, Department Head)

Absent:
Arts Representative
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)
Brian Rossmann (Library)

Meeting started at 1:00 pm

August 30, 2022 minutes
• Motion to approve by Giulian, 2nd by Reines, motion passes unanimously

Announcements

• Update from the Dean
  o Record graduation in last academic year: 714 graduate students, record number of research doctorates, record number of professional doctorates (DNP)
  o Reminder that all council meetings are public and open for public comment
    ▪ Add public comment to the agenda

• Faculty Senate update (Thomson):
  o Recent updates: athletics, convocation, faculty salaries, travel policy
Graduate students are interested in the status of parking improvements after parking fee increase
Suggest highlighting connection between faculty salaries for recruitment and retention and meeting Carnegie classification
  - Soliciting comments on the updated research misconduct policy

Old Business

- SCNS-MED School Counseling program changes
  - Dr. Koltz in attendance to answer questions
  - Review proposal updates
    - 15 credits in the Spring semester
    - Educate students about the flat spot and how to structure their program of study
    - Electives are for directed specialization: the additional 6 credits are directly under advisement for their specialization area
    - School counselors starting in, e.g., Bozeman School District with 60 credit master’s degree will start at a higher salary
  - Open for questions/comments
    - Good balance between quality of program and student financial concerns
    - UM has already moved to 60 credits and has one semester of 15 credits, so the cost to students is comparable
    - Thank you to the proposers for working hard on revisions
  - Sweeney motions to approve, Mangold seconds
    - Proposal passes: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

New Business

- DNMW-DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Midwife new program proposal
  - Dr. Raph in attendance to review proposal:
    - Started with $101 million donation from Marc and Robyn Jones
    - Review of data demonstrating need for a midwifery program in Montana
    - Hired a consultant to review midwifery programs across the nation; identified 5 subject matter experts to advise on curriculum
    - Will be added as 3rd option to the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
      - 82 total credits, same as the other DNP tracks
    - Front loaded didactic experiences to prepare for rural practice opportunities
    - Program needs to get to BOR by next March
    - Project pre-accreditation survey Fall 2023. Can’t announce/advertise until after this site survey. Project first admissions cohort for Fall 2024.
    - Will hire a program lead for the program
  - Open for questions
    - Proposal references a separate process to request the staff member—what is that parallel process?
      - This position will be added as the program grows. Enough projected revenue to cover the cost.
• Budget templates should include staff lines in program proposal, but the program approval is not an approval for the staff member. Staff lines will be approved separately from programs.
  ▪ Is there room for students particularly interested in serving Native American communities to take courses from other programs (e.g., PhD in Indigenous and Rural Health)?
  • Caring for our own program
  • Students can always take electives, but most of the experience comes from clinical opportunities
    o $3 million donation from St. Vincent Healthcare will help support clinical opportunities for students
  ▪ Does the Indian Health Service allow for midwifery?
    • Will look into this. IHS does allow for the other DNP specialties.
    • Adding interest from employers to hire these graduates could strengthen the proposal (e.g., letters of support)
  ▪ Clarify 30 and 40 projected student number discrepancy in the proposal

• Subcommittee Updates
  o Policy: scheduling a meeting to review continuous enrollment policy
  o Curriculum: working on course approvals, will also review the Chemistry MS program and accelerated option
  o Governance: plan to address procedure for appointing a vice chair, considering how a diversity equity and inclusion subcommittee would be different from or enhance what’s already happening on campus

• Discussion on approving new courses when similar courses are available in other departments
  o A larger number of students from different departments may be a more enhancing experience than a few students from the same department in a very specific course
  o Compare syllabus of proposed course with existing course(s)
  o Many examples of students taking classes from other departments when they offer a robust course in a specific area.
  o Provides cross-department research opportunities.

• Graduate student leadership council met last week. Each student serves as a graduate student representative on a larger university council.
  o Working on a comprehensive list of resources, developing more even and robust departmental orientations across campus

Adjourned at 2:24 pm
Next scheduled meeting – October 25, 2022