

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 11, 2023

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SUB 168

Council in Attendance:

Marc Giullian (Business)
Stephanie McCalla (Faculty Senate)
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)
Anja Kunze (Engineering alternate)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Heidi Koenig (Student Representative)
Scott Powell (Agriculture)
Wade Hill (Nursing)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Absent

Rollin Beamish (Arts)
Catherine Dunlop (Letters)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Stephan Warnat (Engineering)
Brian Rossmann (Library)

Meeting started at 10:05 a.m.

September 27, 2023 minutes

- Motion to approve by Powell, Hill 2nd, 5 pass, motion passes

Announcements

- **Update from the Dean**
 - Completion grants will be announced today
 - Recruiting initiatives:
 - Graduate Fair Nov 6-9 organized by Grad School and WebEx meetings hosted by departments for prospective students including one for international students
 - Other awards for recruiting:

- Next step: will go to JAGS committee
- **Continued ETD process discussion (handout of optional ETD revisions form provided)**
 - Last meeting, some members requested a form for documenting revisions to ETD (draft of form sent). Discussion
 - Should be a required part of the exam report
 - If we framed it like it's optional but if things do not proceed well, it becomes required
 - Some faculty feel like there is no recourse if student does not make the revisions
 - Will update to a required part of the exam report so UGC can send to depts in their colleges for feedback

New Business

- Final Term Registration for non-research master's students
 - Dean Ogilvie provides background (also written on handout); discussion
 - Don't see disadvantage to prof paper programs to register for fewer credits
 - Wouldn't affect Accounting—almost never take so few credits
 - Grad School will write up suggested policy
- Clarify policy language on graduate certificate students and assistantships, discussion
 - Currently, confusion about if cert students can hold assistantships
 - Could see benefit for nursing cert students being able to hold assistantships
 - Prioritizing master's or doctoral students over cert students seems reasonable
 - Also seeking clarification about academic warning and assistantships
 - Grad School will write up policy suggestion
- Revise formatting requirements for manuscript/scholarly works option, first discussion on potential policy revisions
 - Would still include intro and conclusion, but middle could be less traditional contents, including broader scholarly works from arts, humanities, and social sciences.
 - Would need research and vetting from Council and other stakeholders like the Library
 - Could be helpful for Architecture—would be way to include pieces that are often left out, multimedia, video files
 - Agreement from others
 - Likes connection to tenure role & scope document (language used)—if okay for faculty, should be okay for graduate students. Would be strong professionalization step for students
 - Some concern about standards in the field to best prepare a student for a post-doc or other job—still responsibility of faculty to advise students toward their goals and the document best-suited for it
 - UGC will discuss again next meeting

Updates from subcommittees

Public comment

Adjourned at 11:32 am

Next scheduled meeting – October 25th in SUB Room 168