Meeting started at 10:31 a.m.

January 24, 2024 minutes

- Motion to approve by Beamish, Livingston 2nd, 10 pass, 0 abstention, motion passes

Announcements

- Faculty Senate update (McCalla)
  - FS had 2nd reading of passed UGC policies (thesis credit option and continuous enrollment)
  - Meeting on the 21st will also review UGC passed polices (appeals & academic standing)
  - Some concern has come up with an education online class. Senator worried about too many online classes and international students not being able to take them.
  - Presentation about sustainability coming up at a future meeting
• Update from the Dean
  o Anna French, PhD in Ecology & Environmental Science, Team USA biathlete, NSF fellow
  o Fall to spring graduate retention at record high 94%
  o Food scholarships were recently awarded; 110 to graduate students
    ▪ Any students who weren't awarded were referred to other resources
  o Presenting policies to Academic Counsel (same four that are with Faculty Senate)
    ▪ Assistantship policy is with JAGS

Old Business
• Class Rank, policy revision (Ogilvie)
  o Dean Ogilvie has met with lawyers and Registrar to work on language. Removes word “prohibit” and instead states “at the graduate level the university does not determine class rank.”
  o Q: does this satisfy the needs for international students?
    ▪ OIP can do the work to compile the data if needed for a student
  o GS will add to catalog
• Increasing UGC student membership
  o Update from Governance subcommittee (draft of bylaws revision), discussion
  o Waiting for student feedback (UGC student member sent survey, awaiting response from Graduate Student Leadership Council, a subcommittee of ASMSU)
  o UGC webpage (front page) needs update to match current bylaws for membership and selection and terms; Grad School will fix
  o Q: Should UGC define the selection process?
    ▪ Multiple points of view on this. Pros and cons to defining the process vs keeping this flexible
  o Should attach a stipend to serving on UGC
  o Fewer restrictions to participation, the better
  o Discussion of how to find students with a range of experiences, not just students who always excel

New Business
• Reserve limit for accelerated programs, policy proposal, discussion
  o Proposal to remove limit of 12cr for accelerated programs
    ▪ Good for marketing, Grad School admissions planning marketing surge
    ▪ Q: Is Grad School checking with departments before this marketing surge?
      ▪ Yes
    ▪ Most UGs reserve just 1-3 credits
    ▪ Fairly rare for students to reserve 12cr
    ▪ There are financial aid limits
  o Some programs don't allow UGs into their GR classes (e.g. counseling)
  o Some split response to removing the limit; cognitive development of UG vs GR students; could affect quality of the degree program
Q: Would programs that have accelerated track want to remove the limit?

- Dean Ogilvie asks members to take accelerated proposal back to their colleges for feedback

Research credits policy, 590 & 690 (Ogilvie)

- Current policy states 590s are for MS and 690s for doctoral. Students could use 690 on a master’s program of study if they switch to master’s, but typically must appeal, pursue registration correction, or GARC if they want to use or correct 590s for doctoral program of study

- Potential solution could be building gate to prevent master’s from registering for 690 and doctoral from registering for 590; this could help head-off misregistration

  - Q: How does this impact enroute thesis plan students who take 590s while enrolled as a doctoral student?
    - Would need to be determined

- Dean Ogilvie will inquire with The Office of the Registrar

- Could change policy to allow 590 or 690 on program of study regardless of student level

  - Changing this would benefit students who switch from master’s to PhD so they can still use their 590s on the doctoral program of study without an extra action

- Grad School will write proposal for UGC review

Updates from subcommittees

Public comment

Adjourned at 11:54 am

Next scheduled meeting—February 21st in Romney Hall 102