

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
12/02/16 2:00 – 3:50pm

Attendance: D. Pawlowski, B. Spolans, P. Higgins, B. Bruya, I. Martin, A. J. Rainville, M. Mcvey, W. Tornquist, M. Murphy, E. Bucciarelli

1. Motion to approve 11/11/2016 minutes is seconded; Approved 8 - 0 - 0.
2. 36 CH limit on GA eligibility: Higgins distributed a recommendation on GA eligibility via email. Motion to approve recommendation is seconded. Discussion on proposal. Concern from AVPGSR over incentivizing programs to add CH. Higgins suggests amending recommendation to only allow programs that need more than 36 CH for accreditation to offer a GA beyond 36 CH. GC supports the amendment.

Motion is approved as amended 8 - 0 – 0. Higgins will present this to the Senate in January.

3. Grade change recommendation: After last meeting's discussion, Higgins distributed a recommendation on issues with grade changes for thesis/dissertation/final project type course. GC recommends modifying proposal so that the exceptions are specified by course number (690 - 699 and 890 - 899) instead of using course title language. Tornquist will check with Evan Finley and Chris Shell to see if these numbers are typically reserved for these types of courses and to look into any other issues with using this language.
4. Graduate Council Autonomy Proposal: Graduate Council business takes up too much Faculty Senate meeting time. GC and the Faculty Senate Executive Board has discussed a proposal increasing GC autonomy and establishing guidelines for the members of the graduate council to ensure effective representation. GC supports the proposal and it will be presented to the FSEB in January.
5. Winter 2017 meeting dates. GC meetings will be held the first Friday of each month in the Winter semester from 2-4 PM, tentatively in Porter 219.
6. Final GA Allocation plan discussion: Tornquist shared the following in response to questions from the Graduate Council.

#4: The AVPGSR will allocate a number of GA lines to colleges based on application of the approved metrics, but will not re-rank requests already sorted as "higher priority" or "lower priority" by colleges.

#6: The former proposal 7 was consolidated into #6.

#11: For the first cycle, Fall 2015 data will be used, meaning that there will be no reduction in the University GA budget for the first two-year cycle.

#13: Strategic metrics: in future allocation cycles, AVPGSR will seek input of Graduate Council on strategic metrics to be used.

The weights and standard metrics recommended by Graduate Council will be

used for the first (current) cycle.

The intent of step 3 (formerly step 4) is to provide a mechanism for redistributing inappropriately used GA lines in non-college units to colleges.

“Previously announced” means “above.”