

Graduate Council Minutes
February 3, 2017 (2:00-4:00pm)
Porter 219

Attendance: P. Higgins (Chair), B. Bruya (CAS), I. Martin (CHHS), A. J. Rainville (CHHS), A. Falzetti (CAS), R. Martusewicz (COE), D. Pawlowski (CAS), W. Tornquist (AVPGSR), D. Overpeck (CAS), B. Barnes (LIB), R. Choi (COB), S. Ghosh (COT)

1. Approval of Minutes- January 6, 2017. Motion to approve is seconded. Motion passes 9-0-1
2. Faculty Senate passed the GC autonomy proposal. The proposal is on the course shell. GC recommendations now go directly to AVPGSR Tornquist, unless, by vote, one GC member requests that the input go to the full Senate.
3. The GC webpage exists (<http://www.emich.edu/facultysenate/gradcouncil/index.php>). It needs updating already! It will eventually include upcoming GC agendas. Let Higgins or Pawlowski know of any suggestions for content.
4. Discussion on Graduate School Academic Policies and Processes XX (I and IP grades). Slight wording change to include language that allows the Graduate School to make the final determination with regard to courses that are not captured by those listed in policy XX.
Motion to approve amendment is seconded. Motion passes 9-1-0
5. Graduate student participation in Graduate Council: Students have requested a more formal role in shaping Graduate School policy. There was a suggestion to recommend the formation of a Graduate Student Advisory Committee and possibly have a representative from the committee be invited to GC. GC supports such a committee and role in GC. AVP Tornquist is beginning to meet with students to discuss what the committee would look like. Question about how such a group could interact with GC in a beneficial way. An ad-hoc subcommittee (Martusewicz, Falzetti, Pawlowski) was formed to draft a recommendation on how the GSAC should be formed and, in particular, how it will interact with the GC.
6. Updates to thesis and dissertations manuals. The Library and Graduate School presented updates to the manual that: 1. allow students to embargo their work for up to 10 years (used to be 2); 2. allow advisors to embargo the work or extend embargos; and 3. require students to discuss publication options with their advisors and if they wish to embargo their work, fill out the Dissertation/Thesis/Capstone Embargo Form. There was discussion on whether faculty should be allowed to embargo their student's work without the student's approval as well as whether this should be a university wide policy instead of a set of policies that apply to individual colleges. A request was made for more information on the embargos, in particular on how other universities handle this issue.

Motion to table discussion on this issue until more information is gathered is seconded and approved 10-0-0.

Updated thesis manual was distributed. GC requested a marked up version to be distributed electronically. GC will review and discuss at the March meeting.

7. A breakdown of GA Allocation results within the colleges was distributed, including scores for each of the metrics.

8. Handout on conditional admission was distributed. In some cases, the conditional admission requirements were never cleared prior to graduation. Tornquist seeks input on definitions of different conditions. Issue tabled until March meeting.

9. Motion to adjourn at 4:00 is seconded and approved.