

Graduate Council Minutes
January 6, 2017 (2:00-4:00pm)
Porter 219

Attendance: P. Higgins (Chair), B. Bruya (CAS), I. Martin (CHHS), A. J. Rainville (CHHS), J. Nims (LIB), A. Falzetti (CAS), R. Martusewicz (COE), D. Overpeck (CAS), L. McMahon (Grad Coordinator), D. Pawlowski (CAS), W. Tornquist (AVPGSR)

1. Approval of Minutes- December 2, 2016

Motion to approve is seconded. Motion passes 5-0-2

2. Time limit for completing graduate capstone projects

Update on proposal to re-number capstone courses and discussion. In a previous meeting GC discussed allowing the grade change deadline of 3 years to be waived for courses that are numbered between 690 - 699 and 890 - 899 in the catalog. Evan Finley mentioned that this would cause problems with many courses on the books and would require course number changes. After discussion GC decided to make a slight change to Graduate School Academic Policies and Processes XXI with the following wording:

“The rule does not apply to graduate courses that constitute the final project/experience required for graduation as enumerated in XXIX.a, such as those with the words “capstone”, “practicum”, “final project”, “research”, “internship”, “thesis”, or “dissertation”.

Motion to accept changes to policy XXI is seconded. Motion passes 8-0-0.

3. Graduate Council autonomy proposal (update)

FSEB met and discussed the GC autonomy proposal and agreed to recommend the proposal to the Senate with a title change: “Proposal for expedited review of Graduate Council recommendations.” Senate will meet next Wednesday to discuss the proposal.

4. Three-quarter (0.75) GA positions: Dave Crary requested that GC look at reinstating 0.75 GA positions. Crary mentioned that in the past few years had this option been available Economics would have likely ended up bringing in significantly more well-qualified students. The option of offering 0.75 GA positions enables graduate programs to recruit more well-qualified students while using their limited GA budget efficiently.

Motion to support proposal to reinstate 0.75 GA positions is seconded. Motion passes 8-0-0.

5. Additional new business

Higgins mentioned the possibility of creating a Graduate Council website. Pawlowski will talk with the web people about creating a page under the Faculty Senate website that contains some basic information in a format similar to the CAC’s website. This website would host the agendas, minutes, proposals under discussion and list the current representatives and meeting calendar. There should be a link to the GC website on the Grad School website.

Tornquist: Graduate Research Conference- March 24

New application process will hopefully go live at the end of January.

Conditional admits- there has not been enough validation that conditional admits have fulfilled their conditional admission requirements. The Grad School will be working on addressing this issue. The Grad School would also like to see students having their official program of study earlier in their career. Too many students are getting these formalized at the time of graduation.

Drafts of thesis and dissertation documents will be forthcoming.

GA allocations are currently being tackled. Tornquist requested clarification on assigning points to colleges for each metric. First (incomplete) draft of allocation scores was presented.

6. Motion to adjourn at 4:07