

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017, 1:21-2:30 P.M.

Sage Hall 2210

Present: John Beam, Eric Brunsell, Kim Calvert, Quin Chrobak, Steve Dunn, Josh Garrison, Karen Gibson, Marci Hoffman, Phan Hong, Samantha Larson, Colin Long, Brent MacWilliams, Ann Mickelson, Bonnie Nickasch, Bob Stelzer, Nathan Stuart, Renae Swanson, Cathy Toll, Greg Wypiszynski

Excused: Jamie Ceman, Dale Feinauer, Anna Filipova, Fredi Giesler, Janet Hagen, Stephanie Kitzerow, Erik Krohn, Deb Matulle, Brandon Miller, Christine Roth, Rob Sipes

The meeting was called to order at 1:21 P.M. by Phan Hong.

- Guest: Stephen Kercher, Office of Student Research & Creative Activity (OSRCA). Graduate student travel funding was cut from the Office of Graduate Studies budget at the start of the 2018 fiscal year. To support this need, OSCRA has allocated funding for graduate students to travel to professional conferences, and already sent a call for applications to the graduate student listserv. All graduate students are welcome to apply (masters and doctoral). The Graduate Student Association (GSA) has travel funding available to students, also, so OSCRA, Graduate Studies, and the GSA will meet in the near future to collaborate on future graduate student travel funding options.

Celebration of Scholarship is scheduled for April 26, 2018, and OSRCA would like more graduate students involved. Specifically, they would like graduate students to present their research and share what they are doing in their degree programs.

OS CRA creates videos showcasing graduate student research. The videos are posted on their webpage. Please contact them if you have a student who would like to highlight their work. Or if you have other ideas and ways to partner with OSCRA, please reach out.

- Motion to approve the November 2, 2017 minutes as written/Second: Bonnie Nickasch/Karen Gibson. Approved (14-0-3).
- Curriculum Approval Committee
 - Motion to approve revisions to the Special & Early Childhood Education Program Review/Second: John Beam/Cathy Toll. Approved (16-0-1).
 - Motion to approve the Social Work Mental Health Concentration revisions with a friendly amendment/Second: John Beam/Karen Gibson. Approved (16-0-1).
 - Motion to approve the Nurse Anesthesia Emphasis revision/Second: John Beam/Brent MacWilliams. Approved (16-0-1).
 - Motion to approve the Transnational Human Services Leadership name change/Second: John Beam/Brent MacWilliams. Approved (16-0-1).
- Distinguished Graduate Awards Committee. Motion to approve the rubric for a new Distinguished Doctoral Award/Second: Bob Stelzer/Quin Chrobak. Approved (16-0-1).
- Executive Committee. A revision to the Graduate Council bylaws was shared.

Motion to waive a first reading/Second: Nathan Stuart/Karen Gibson. Approved (16-0-1).

Discussion ensued regarding changes to the Curriculum Approval Committee (CAC). One change is

to provide the CAC with the authority to make decisions on curricula without full Graduate Council approval, and a second change is to eliminate the graduate student seat. Additionally, a new workflow that allows the full Graduate Council to view curricular actions and request that the CAC bring those actions to the next Graduate Council meeting was presented.

Two friendly amendments

- Article III. Section 2.B. Revise final sentence to read, "if the committee cannot reach a majority decision, or if a CAC member has serious concerns regarding any action, the full Graduate Council will review the action and vote to come to a decision."
- Article III. Section 2.C. Revise to read, "New program development and approval will be within the larger Graduate Council."

Motion to approve the bylaws as amended/Second: Nathan Stuart/Eric Brunsell. Approved (13-1-3).

- College of Business Admissions Policy. Discussion ensued to waive the undergraduate degree admissions requirement for a potential MBA student with exceptional experience. Other prestigious business programs have programs designed for similar students, where the content is better-focused for their specific needs.

The Graduate Council agreed a Form C to address the MBA admissions changes must be submitted through the curricular process, and approved, before this student can be accepted without an undergraduate degree. Also, waiving this requirement for one student could identify a demand, and more students may be interested. A formal program design, also submitted through the curricular process, would be an opportunity for the College of Business.

- The Interim Dean position has been submitted to the IPAR process.
- Greg Wypiszynski received a request from Administrative Services (who received a request from UW System) to increase graduate tuition rates. Given less than a week to respond, he objected to the increase. No information was provided about how the increase would impact graduate enrollment, or where the additional funding would be allocated.
- Please be aware of the recent bill proposal to tax graduate tuition waivers.
- The Graduate Strategic Enrollment working group continues to accept recommendations and feedback. Please see the website or contact Greg Wypiszynski.
- Bob Stelzer will be on sabbatical in the spring semester. The Executive Committee will need a representative from COLS.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. Marci Hoffman, Recorder

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