

Present: Elizabeth Alderton, Eric Brunsell, Jamie Ceman, Susan Cramer, John Cross, Steve Dunn, Anna Filipova, Mike Ford, Karen Gibson, Kathy Hagens, Randy Harris, Joan Heller, Marci Hoffman, Phan Hong, Toni House, Lixin Jiang, Shelly Lancaster, Karen Landay, Christine Roth, Alan Saginak, Jen Szydlak, Judy Westphal, Greg Wypiszynski

Excused: David Fuller, Fredi Giesler, Karen King, Bob Stelzer, Bill Wresch, Deb Matulle, Lori Worm

Guests: Chancellor Leavitt, Reggie Parson

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Phan Hong, who welcomed Chancellor Leavitt. Council members introduced themselves.

- A. Data Science (MS): The Graduate Council was asked to expedite a review of the new Data Science degree. Karen Gibson shared the CAC's recommendation to approve the program contingent on approval by COLS (scheduled to meet next week). The CAC shared the following concerns. Motion to approve/Second: Jen Szydlak/Shelly Lancaster. All in favor (17-0-0).
1. The cost per credit seemed high. A collaborative Ed.D. program is underway by UW System schools, and the proposed cost per credit for the doctoral program is lower than what has been identified for this master's program.
 2. Although the Graduate Council is not charged with reviewing Form As, serious concerns were expressed about the syllabi used for the graduate-level coursework (i.e. textbooks were too old).
- B. Chancellor Leavitt shared his vision for the future of graduate education at UW Oshkosh and ideas for continued growth. Areas of discussion included faculty responsibility changes, creating more of a balance of teaching and research loads across campus, more faculty release time and higher enrollments by growing the graduate assistantship program, adding Dean Cramer to the University Leadership Council (first time) so graduate education is included in all future discussions, reviewing the out-of-state tuition structure, and a reminder to showcase how successful our graduate students are (success begets success).

He also shared the idea of a research comprehensive university, which would offer professional doctorates. Perhaps for UW comprehensive campuses would fit into this category, Madison and Milwaukee will continue their R1 designation. Georgia has this classification. We have the critical student size and population to support this.

The Graduate Council expressed their appreciation of the Chancellor's work during this difficult time, and the Chancellor shared that he's impressed by the campus' camaraderie and composure during this process.

C. Susan Cramer reminded the Council that GSIP funding is available until July 1.

D. Randy Harris shared that the GSA has confirmed that Chancellor Leavitt will attend their Open House on April 13 at 4:45pm in the Pollock House.

Motion to adjourn at 2:51pm. The next Graduate Council meeting is on March 5, 2015 from 1:20 – 2:50pm in Sage 2210.

Marci Hoffman, Recorder

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