

SUMMARY AGENDA
Graduate Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2008, 3:00 pm—4:30 pm,
Reeve Room 220

Invited Guests

None

Approval Items

10 minutes

- 1) Graduate Council minutes of October 13, 2008 GC [*previously distributed*] (All)
- 2) Final versions of rubrics (All) [*electronically distributed with this agenda*]
 - a) COEHS graduate programs
 - b) Math Education

Discussion/Action Items

45 minutes

- 3) Assistantship Allocation and Distribution Task Force – Status update (Linda)
- 4) Adding Graduate Council Chair signature for Graduate Studies to Form A and C (Greg, Linda)
- 5) Application fee (Greg)
 - a) Approval to not collect fee difference
 - b) Determine cut-off date for application fees validity (7 years)
- 6) Suggestions for finding Council Chair Replacement (All)
- 7) Enrollment/Applications Report from CGS/GRE (Greg) [*electronically distributed with this agenda*]

Items of On-Going Interest

0 minutes

- 8) FYI from the Dean-in-Residence to the Graduate Council (Fred Y.) – Fred out-of-town for this meeting.

Information Items (Discussion if requested; as time permits)

7 minutes

- 9) New Pass-around File
- 10) Follow-up to questions from the last Council meeting about the new 12-point grade scale
- 11) Advance-Titan 10/27 Article about the New Grade Scale
- 12) Items from Council members

The format of this agenda includes first a SUMMARY AGENDA then an AGENDA ADDENDUM which provides details and brief talking/thinking point(s) about the summary agenda items. The third section is PENDING/FUTURE ITEMS that identifies on-going or future operational activities and priorities.

AGENDA ADDENDUM

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Approval Items

- 1a) Graduate Council minutes of October 13, 2008 GC – The Council needs to approve the minutes from its previous meeting.
- 2a) Final version of rubrics – The Council needs to approve the final versions for the COEHS Programs (all programs will use one rubric) and Math Education program. These versions were the results of discussion during the Council's previous meeting.

Discussion/Action Items

- 3a) Assistantship Allocation and Distribution Task Force – This is a report out to the whole Council about what the task force has done or what activities have happened since the last Council meeting.
- 4a) Adding Graduate Council Chair signature for Graduate Studies to Form A and C – Carleen Vande Zande has identified a modification to the approval process for Forms A and C. This modification keeps two approval steps for graduate studies actions but separates the approval authority in the steps.
- 5a) Application fee – The Graduate Studies and Administrative Services offices have resolved a question about collecting the difference between the new (\$56) and old (\$45) application fees. However this identified another question regarding how long is a paid application fee valid. This question needs input from the Council.
- 6a) Suggestions for finding Council Chair Replacement – The Council needs to provide direction on the best process to find a replacement to Linda Hartenian. The Provost has asked to find a replacement for the remaining spring 2009 semester AND the next two year term.
- 7a) Enrollment/Applications Report from CGS/GRE – Discussion about the current reports and other related issues.

Items of On-Going Interest

- 8a) FYI from the Dean-in-Residence to the Graduate Council (Fred Y.) – No comments.

Information Items (Discussion if requested; as time permits)

- 9a) New Pass-around File – Similar to the Faculty Senate and Senate of Academic Staff, the Council will begin using a pass around file to see items that come through the Graduate Studies office that otherwise Council members may not see.
- 10a) Follow-up to questions from the last Council meeting about the new 12-point grade scale – The new grade scale beginning fall 2009 is for final course grades. All instructors are free to grade in any manner they choose. Also, students' grades before fall 2009 will reflect the current scale; beginning fall 2009 the new scale will be shown. GPC calculations will automatically be adjusted as students receive grades under both the old and new scales. For clarification there are no grade-scale percentages listed in the Graduate Bulletin.
- 11a) Advance-Titan 10/27 Article about the New Grade Scale – The Graduate Studies office submitted a memo to the editor to also identify the adjusted scale for graduate students. See the Graduate Studies office response in the pass around file.

PENDING/FUTURE ITEMS (FYI)

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- Archive imaging
- Thorough review of the Graduate Bulletin for the 2010-2012 publication cycle
- Implementing pilot version of on-line transfer credit processing and registration management (MBA, possibly Educational Leadership)

Moderate Priority

- On-line Application Status tracking system
- Self-managed application process
- Policy to allow conversion of undergraduate to graduate credit
- Review of Graduate Studies Operations
 - Future Services and Support Provided
- Graduate Assistant Handbook – Major expansion and revisions
- Time to Degree Extensions – Are 7-year, 5-year, 4-year limits appropriate?
- Adjust Limits to Transfer Credit policy – How many to accept? When?
- Adjust Admission Requirements Regarding GPA, Undergraduate Degree, Standardized Test and Acceptable Number of Prior UW Oshkosh Credits

Low Priority

- Establish Graduate Studies Advisory Board
- Credit for Prior Learning Policy – Should there be a separate one for graduate students?
- Repeat Policy – Should there be a separate one for graduate students?
- Multiple program application requirements
- Approve that F grades are not allowed toward degree completion