

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2017, 1:22 - 2:34 P.M.
Sage Hall 2210

Present: John Beam, Pete Brown, Anna Filipova, Tonya Hameister, Phan Hong, Toni House, Bonnie Nickasch, Alan Saginak, Connie Schuster, Bob Stelzer, Lexie Strasser, Nathan Stuart, Ashley Thompson, Ann Mickelson, Cathy Toll, Karen Gibson, Mary Weeden, Greg Wypiszynski

Excused: Elizabeth Alderton, Eric Brunsell, Steve Dunn, Dale Feinauer, Allison Garrity, Fredi Giesler, Bailey Hermann, Erik Krohn, Eric Kuennen, Brandon Miller, Christine Roth, Judy Westphal, Lori Worm

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. by Chair Phan Hong

Approval of the February 2, 2017 Graduate Council Minutes as written: Move/Second: Mary Weeden/Anna Filipova - Approved (14-0-0).

I. Approval of the consent Reports – Motion/Second: Bob Stelzer/John Beam - Approved (12-0-2)

II. Approval Items from Subcommittees

A. Curriculum Approval Committee – All items, Motion/Second: John Beam/Alan Saginak - Approved (14-0-0)

1. Global MBA: Suspension of Program
2. Public Administration: New Emphasis
3. Public Administration: Add Electives
4. Athletics Training (MS): Program Revisions – Clarification was provided regarding 63 credits from first page of Form C to another document stating it was a 69 credit program. The 6 credit difference is a result of two courses that are still to be identified. The minimum course requirement for the program is 69 credits. No collaboration with other campuses is being discussed at this time.

B. Distinguished Research Awards Committee

1. February Report – Accept timeline/deadlines as submitted in the report. Move/Second: Bonnie Nickasch/Alan Saginak - Approved: (14-0-0)
2. Pyle Scholar Award Requirements – Motion to approve requirements. Move/Second: John Beam/Anna Filipova – Approved (14-0-0) Discussion. Under the Eligibility Criteria sections all reference to “Recipients” will be changed to “Applicants”. Students must be admitted to UW Oshkosh in full standing. Requirement to have 3.0 grade point average is redundant to full standing.

Remove reference to the GPA. Decided to amend motion to make changes as described. Motion to amend. Move/Second: Mary Weeden/John Beam Approved (13-1-0). Motion to approve original document as amended: Move/Second – Alan Saginak/Bob Stelzer - Approved (14-0-0)

3. Doctoral Project or Dissertation Award Requirements – Motion to approve requirements document. Move/Second: John Beam/Alan Saginak. Discussion. Decided to amend motion to include adding a letter of recommendation from a faculty member supporting the research activity. Motion to amend. Move/Second: Cathy Toll/Bonnie Nickasch – Approved (14-0-0). Motion to approve original document with amend: Move/Second – Anna Filipova/Bonnie Nickash - Approved (14-0-0)

III. Discussion Items

A. Graduate Dean Search & Screen Update – Work underway to determine list of possible search & screen members. 60% of committee membership needs to be faculty, one of whom will chair. It's planned 13 people will be on the committee. Target date for individual to be in position is by August.

B. Bias Incident – An incident with a graduate student occurred around campus. The student was verbally harassed by the occupant(s) of a car driving past the student. The offensive comments were related to the student's religion based on wearing a hijab. Please watch and listen for any student concerns about this or any harassment and refer to appropriate campus resources for help.

C. Faculty Senates Bylaws Guidelines – The Faculty Senate released guidelines for how to have department/unit bylaw revisions submitted for review and approval by the Senate. The Grad Council will need to be sure these are followed when our bylaws are submitted for updates.

D. HLC and DPI – Graduate credits for High School CAPP Teachers – There is now a campus requirement (due to state/federal mandate) in place since this past fall that high school teachers teaching for the CAPP have or obtain 18 master's degree credits in the discipline in which they're teaching. These equates to roughly the same level as an ad hoc professor teaching a UG courses on campus (at least a completed master's degree, publications). Discussion in the group was about how program areas plan to address this requirement. There's a 3-year window for CAPP instructors to complete the 18 credits. UW Oshkosh has approximately 2000 CAPP students so it is to the University's and departments' advantage to work supportively with instructors to help them fulfill this requirement.

E. Graduate Assistant Ad Hoc Committee – Nathan Stuart met with the chancellor to clarify his definition of a "Research-enhanced" university. The focus is less about trying to resemble an R-1 university and more about redefining student/faculty research relationships, and integrating research more fairly and broadly into the scope of faculty load.

Motion to adjourn 2:34pm.

Connie Schuster, Recorder

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