

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Linfield 214

### Council in Attendance:

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Ann Ewbank (Education)

John Borkowski (Sciences)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Mary Miles (Health & Human Development)

Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

Tim LeCain (Letters)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Marc Giullian (Business)

### Also in Attendance:

Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)

Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

### Absent:

Meeting started at 2:05 pm

### **March 30, 2016 minutes**

- Borkowski moves to approve, Giullian second, unanimous pass.

### **Announcements**

- **Update from Faculty Senate (Babcock)**
  - Withdrawing Graduation Application—not yet reviewed
- **Update on Admissions/Retention Task Force (Hoo)**
  - Still working on data analysis
  - Recommendations haven't changed from prior drafts
- **Update on Workload Task Force (Babcock)**
  - Report submitted to The President's Office
  - Recommended that graduate education/graduate mentoring and instruction should count toward workload equation
  - No intent to increase workload; intent is to give credit to work that already is being performed
  - Would allow for departments to create their own workload equation

### **Old Business**

- IIP proposal, discussion
  - Tasked with review and recommendation to table or push forward
  - Since last UGC meeting, two master's level programs have been "sunsetting" or placed in "moratorium"
    - In light of this, perhaps IIP should be pushed forward
  - Review of previous concerns presented (see minutes for April 13, 2016)
  - University of Montana model might not be best for MSU needs

- Chair LeCain met with his college (L&S) and they and he feel moving forward with discussion to answer questions/concerns/funding would be productive
- Miles (EHHD) feels who gets “credit” for a given student/committee can be put to the side in favor of continuing the proposal. Feels departments without a PhD program would benefit from IIP even if the IIP cannot be “housed” with them.
- Babcock (Faculty Senate) supportive of IIP
- Dean Hoo: IIP may be quickly approved by BOR rather than a brand new round of PhD degree proposals
- LeCain: moving forward with graduate faculty status first could answer some of the questions posed with IIP
- No vote was taken
- Transfer of credits posted to a certificate from another institution, discussion
  - Certificate credit requirements vary nationally
  - Q: what about international certificates?
  - “Considered” versus true “transfer” definitions reviewed
  - Residency requirements for PhD students (30 credits) could be used for master’s students to limit credits from external certificates but would have to be revised to work for lower master’s credit loads
  - Would need new “considered” policy for master’s level; none yet exists (only PhD)
  - Quality may be an issue
  - Could test student on certificate course content to count credits without actually “considering” or “transferring”?
  - Dean Hoo suggests sending to Policy subcommittee, Chair LeCain agrees.
  - Policy subcommittee will look into the matter and consult with Registrar regarding existing policy that could affect any new certificate policy
  - Council will continue conversation in September
- Governance committee (LeCain, Al-Kaisy, Giullian)
  - Review of proposed announcement and application for graduate student member/discussion
  - Asking for two members, one is alternate
  - Want to advertise for fall 2016, ask for applications now. Will begin fall 2016 and serve for spring 2017 as well.
  - Chair LeCain calls for vote to pass revised documents: Miles moves, Giullian second, unanimous pass.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Policy and Procedures Committee**
- **Curriculum Committee**
- **Governance Committee**

**Chair LeCain adjourned at 2:57 pm**

Next scheduled meeting – Fall 2016, time and dates TBD