

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, February 25, 2019

2-3pm

ABB 145

Council in Attendance:

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)
Marc Giullian (Business)
Brock Smith (Agriculture)
Dennis Aig (Arts)
Robert Rydell (Letters & Science)
Jason Clark (Library)
Ron Larsen (Interim Dean of The Graduate School)
Nicolas Yunes (Letters & Science)
Yujian Wang (International Programs)
Eric Austin (Faculty Senate)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)
Emily Peters (Graduate School)

Absent:

Tena Versland (Education)
James Becker (Health & Human Development)
Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)
Sobia Anjum (Student Representative)
Sara Mannheimer (Library)

Meeting started at 2:03 pm

Jan 28, 2019 minutes

- Livingston moves, Rydell second, unanimous approval

Announcements

- **Faculty Senate update** (Austin)
 - Workload policy and guidelines were approved; should be provided to departments later this spring or fall
 - Internship policy for undergrad and graduate students was revised to include academic components
 - First reading in faculty senate this week
- **Graduate School update: new DPC staff member Emily Peters**

Old Business

- **PhD Enhancement Funds, decisions**
 - 19 requested, historically budgeted for 12

- **Reporting of Comprehensive Exam requirement**
 - Review of changes: exam name changed for consistency, changed reporting time requirement
 - Concern raised about the change of policy and “Mastery of Foundations” terminology
 - Open discussion
 - Discussion that name change was originally proposed to avoid confusion with current terminology that is used interchangeably (comprehensive or qualifying)
 - Concern that mastery of foundation covers qualifying but not comprehensive exams
 - Call for suggestions of alternate names
 - Suggestion: first and second exams
 - Suggestion: milestone exam one and two
 - Discussion of the purpose of reporting these exams, such as tracking and accreditation; potential uses of qualifying exam distinctions, such as increased stipends, student status
 - Question of how many programs have multiple exams: 10
 - Suggestion to create a separate form to report exams versus defense
 - Dean Larsen will draft an updated proposal

New Business

- **MS in Bioengineering program proposal (Livingston)**
 - Interdisciplinary team proposed the program to fill a need; no additional funding requested
 - Call for comments
 - No concerns
 - Livingston will submit UGC approval for faculty senate

Committee Reports

- Policy & Procedures Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Governance Committee

Adjourned at 2:49 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Monday, March 11, 2019. 2:00 – 3:00 PM in ABB 145