

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, April 22, 2019

2-3pm

ABB 145

Council in Attendance:

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)
Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)
Marc Giullian (Business)
Brock Smith (Agriculture)
Dennis Aig (Arts)
Sobia Anjum (Student Representative)
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)
Tena Versland (Education)
Eric Austin (Faculty Senate)
Robert Rydell (Letters & Science)
Ron Larsen (Interim Dean of The Graduate School)

Also in Attendance:

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

Absent:

Yujian Wang (International Programs)
Sara Mannheimer (Library)
Nicolas Yunes (Letters & Science)
James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Meeting started at 2:03 pm

April 8, 2019 minutes

- Motion to approve made by Livingston, 2nd by Aig, unanimously passed

Announcements

- **Faculty Senate update** (Austin)
 - 3 grad proposals (Music, EHHD, and Political Science) previously held up with OCHE are all now released and will be at BOR for July meeting
 - Level 2 proposals will be developed over the summer
 - Process: College Curriculum→UGC→Faculty Senate→Dean's Council→President's Executive Council→BOR
 - Must be through internal review by early October; hope is to have level 2 proposals for approval at BOR November meeting
 - Q: Can UGC get copies of level 1 proposal to help with the tight timeline?
 - A: Will provide intent to plan for UGC members to review

- Common concerns that come up: funding, duplicity, what department does the program reside in, etc.
- Have designee prepared to answer questions
- **Graduate School update**
 - Changes to membership for Fall 2019
 - New Dean starting August 1st
 - Jean retiring this summer
 - Currently filling 3 positions in The Graduate School
 - Reminder: one-credit extension deadline is May 13th

Old Business

- **Reporting of Comprehensive Exams requirement, proposal revisions (Larsen)**
 - Plan is to let the next dean review the policy before moving forward
- **IIP Proposals**
 - 2 approved; 3rd proposal will now go forward as well, after supplying some additional information
- **Strategic Planning**
 - Review of the strategic planning process; deadline is September 15, 2019
 - The Graduate School will continue work on a draft for the new Dean
 - Will try to keep process open and allow for UGC input – will bring to UGC for review in early fall
- **Full Time Equivalency**
 - Review of history behind full time equivalency; some students registered for 6 credits that wanted to be designated full-time for various reasons/requirements; conscious decision to allow students to be less than full-time if on appointment – save grants money
 - Review of other institutions' policy
 - Example of policy: specifies veteran's requirements
 - Examples of other scenarios: graduate students trying to apply for scholarships, student loan deferral, fellowships, international, departmental, etc.
 - Q to UGC: Is this something we should pursue?
 - Yes, better to have consistency than case-by-case exemptions
 - Would help students to have more flexibility
 - Can email any additional suggestions
- Q: Any information on work load policy—going to come up in the fall?
 - Review of work load discussion: teaching graduate v. undergrad; advising (x) number of PhD students – count as a course; how to compare to master's students; intent is to reflect the amount of time faculty member invests

Adjourned at 2:40 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Fall 2019 TBD