Graduate Council

Minutes —Thursday, October 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room WAB 227

Members Present: Lance Hahn, Leyla Zhuhadar, Alex Lebedinsky, Jacob Applin, Martha Day, Sarah E. Ochs, Skyler Green, Carl Dick, Dominic Lanphier, Diane Marie Lickenbrock, Nicholas Wheeler, Marko Dumancic, Laurie Branstetter, Richard Dressler, Lauren McCoy (for Evie Oregon), Lauren Stevens, Kristie Guffey, Cheryl Davis, Emily Anne Pride

Members Absent: Evelyn Thrasher, Wes Berry, Ann Ferrell, Eleanor Miller,

Guests: Merrall Price, Marguerita DeSander (for Corinne Murphy), Cathleen Webb, Danita Kelley, Colette Chelf, Scott Gordon, Laura Burchfield, Janet Tassell, Rheanna Plemons, Alison Langdon (for Drew McMichael)

1. Call to Order *Carl Dick

2. Consideration of September 13, 2018 minutes
   *Dressler/Hahn; approved

3. Graduate Enrollment Report
   *Gordon reported that census data will be available Tuesday. Enrollment is down this year due to significant drops in international enrollment.

4. Committee Reports

   a. Executive Committee
      *Carl Dick announced that Kristin Wilson has resigned from her position at WKU. She will teach her classes through June; however, she will no longer be serving on Graduate Council.

      *Kristin Wilson's position representing CEBS on the Graduate Council is open. Carl Dick proposes to move Kristie Guffey into Kristen Wilson's spot. Also, Kristin Wilson was the chair of the Policy Committee. Carl Dick has asked Laurie Branstetter to chair the Policy Committee. He is working on finding a third member for the Policy Committee. Hahn/Zhuhadar make a motion to move Kristie into Kristen's spot; approved.

   b. Policy Committee
      *Kirk Atkinson and Dan Clark are working on revising the Senate Charter. Adjustments are being made since we no longer have University College. We will correct Graduate Council Bylaws once those changes are approved.

c. Research Committee
*Lanphier announced the first round of grants has been distributed. They have used $38,000 from the $60,000 budget. He recommends students submit their applications as early as possible for the second round. The funds could potentially run out after the second round.

*Hahn mentioned potentially reducing the cap for the second round. *Lanphier will discuss the possibility with the Research Committee.

*Webb recommended strongly suggesting students submit something visual when receiving grants. Videos and pictures can easily be posted to social media. *Carl Dick said it would be a good way to raise the profile of graduate student research.

*Discussion ensued regarding how student research can be used as a recruiting tool.

*Davis mentioned the Graduate School is working to be more active on the social media accounts.

d. Curriculum Committee
*Dressler/Day made a motion to pull TCHL 559 and 560, Act 510, EDAD (all courses) as action items.

*Guffey made a friendly amendment to have TCHL 559, TCHL 560, and ACCT 510 move to summer 2019 implementation. All courses in EDAD need to have minimum grade of B. The friendly amendments were approved.

*The consent items include two program changes; approved.

5. Report from Dean of the Graduate School
*Davis announced the Provost has decided to postpone the Graduate Dean search. The Provost will assess the Dean position in light of the strategic plan. The Provost has asked the search committee to remain as an advisory committee. *Discussion ensued regarding why the Dean search has been postponed.

*Davis reviewed the highlights from the Program Coordinator/Advisor Information Session. *Chelf reiterated that the catalog is going to be a work in progress.

*Davis requested everyone have their program coordinators pay extra attention to the graduate degree reminder emails. *Chelf said to please review graduating student's programs of study before the end of the term.

*The DMF information sessions are coming up this fall.

*The JUMP program meeting is on November 6, 2018. It will be is WAB 227 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

6. Public Comments

7. Announcements & Adjourn
*Hahn/Guffey; adjourned