



Graduate Council

Minutes —Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room WAB 227

Members Present: Lance Hahn, Martha Day, Aaron Hughey, Sarah E. Ochs, Skyler Green, Carl Dick, Dominic Lanphier, Diane Marie Lickenbrock, Nicholas Wheeler, Nikolai Endres (for Wes Berry), Ann Ferrell, Marko Dumancic, Eleanor Miller, Maire Blankenship (for Laurie Branstetter), Richard Dressler, Evie Oregon, Lauren Stevens, Cheryl Davis

Members Absent: Leyla Zhuhadar, Alex Lebedinsky, Evelyn Thrasher, Jacob Applin

Guests: Merrall Price, Cathleen Webb, Alison Langdon, Danita Kelley, Rheanna Plemons, Scott Gordon, Laura Burchfield, Marilyn Gardner, David Oliver

1. Call to Order *Carl Dick
2. Consideration of February 14, 2019 minutes (Appendix A) *Hahn/Day; approved
3. Graduate Enrollment Report (Week 6 S19 report) (Appendix B) *Scott Gordon reported that we are nearing the end of the census term for the Spring semester. The current numbers will be very similar to the final numbers.

4. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee: Discuss revisions to GC guidelines; propose revisionary language; vote on proposed revisions

*Carl Dick discussed the changes to the Graduate Council guidelines. Discussion ensued regarding three wording options regarding the committee composition in the bylaws. No one voted for option one, ten members voted for option two, and five members voted for option three. *The Graduate Executive Committee proposes that the immediate past chair serve on the GEC (Ex-Officio). *The changes to the guidelines are approved by the Graduate Council.

b. Policy Committee: No formal report

c. Research Committee: Wes Berry/Dominic Lanphier (Appendix C)

*The committee received seven grant requests and all were funded. The budget has been depleted for 2018-2019.

*Dean Davis explained that the \$30,000 referenced in the November minutes is carryforward money that is already allotted. There is \$14,000 left in the budget and they decided to have a fourth round for spring. *Dean Davis suggests requiring award recipients to sign their contracts in thirty days.

d. Curriculum Committee: Martha Day (Appendix D)

*David Oliver discussed the Emergency Management Disaster Science certificate bundle. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity, structure, and purpose of the certificate. The program plus the five supporting courses are approved. *The two Public Health courses are bundled and the requested changes have been made. Dressler/Day; approved.

5. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School (February 14, 2019; Appendix E)

*Dean Davis announced that the Minton Award nomination packets must be submitted by Friday, March 15th. The Outstanding Graduate Students award forms can be submitted by Tuesday, March 19th.

*Judge Minton will be at the Friday ceremony to recognize the Outstanding Graduate Student. The student will also be recognized at their college's ceremony on Saturday. The Graduate School will not be hosting a separate awards dinner this year.

*The graduate student travel funds should be used by June 30th. It creates issues if students do not spend the money in the fiscal year. Dean Davis will gather more information regarding how funding for graduating students work.

6. Public Comments

*Cathleen Webb asked if the Graduate School office is working with the new international officer. Dean Davis said the offices are working together.

*Cathleen Webb thinks there will be a flood of curriculum proposals coming through next semester.

*Discussion ensued regarding how to control the rush of proposals. Merrill Price and Carl Dick agree there should be some sort of Curriculum Management Committee in place.

*Dean Davis announced that ESLi program is leaving the United States. An in-house alternative is in the works.

*Carl Dick will makes changes to the guidelines and email it out to Graduate Council.

7. Announcements & Adjourn *Hahn; adjourn