



Minutes – April 14th, 2016
Special Meeting Time-2:00 pm
Academic Affairs Conference RM 239

Members Present: Marge Maxwell, Carl Myers, Kristin Wilson, Lauren Bland (in for Amy Cappiccie), Eve Main, Kirk Atkinson, Leyla Zhuhadar, Steve Wells, Carl Dick, Chris Groves, Lance Hahn, Beth Plummer, Shannon Vaughan, Molly Kerby, Ron Mitchell, Richard Dressler, Eric Reed, John Hay

Members Absent: Angie Jerome, Andrew Rosa, Laura Brigman,

Guests Present: Merrall Price, Janet Applin, Cathleen Webb, Shanda Hopper, Zhonghang Xia, Alex Lebedinsky, Gary Houchens; Sylvia Gaiko

I. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.; presided by Chair Kurt Neelly.

II. Consideration of March 17th, 2016 minutes:
*Atkinson/Plummer, motion to approve; passed

*Neelly announced that in the upcoming Graduate Council meeting minutes will no longer be a word for word transcript but a more revised version that will only include action items and votes; the audio/video file link will be made available on the Graduate Council website. *Webb questioned if written minutes would still be taken; *Neelly responded that there would still be written minutes based on the votes taken; *Price asked if it would be permitted to request specific information be added to the written minutes; *Neelly answered yes;

III. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee: Report included, Discussion

*Maxwell indicated the Curriculum Committee reviewed all curriculum revisions; some of the dates on the proposals had to be changed from Fall to Spring because Fall registration has already begun.

*Hahn, motion to move Master of Arts: Applied Economics to action item

*Wilson/Hahn, motion to approve report (consent item); passed

*Atkinson/Hahn, motion to approve program revision, 0410 Master of Arts: Applied Economics (action)

*Hahn indicated that there is a section in the proposal that states that at least 9 hours must be from Math or Statistics; is it acceptable that none of the courses are from Economics; *Lebedinsky stated that the program is a 30 hour program with a 15 hour core which are all economics courses and a project at the end of the program; there are 2 concentration options: General or Mathematical Methods; 12 hours of electives, if student so chooses all electives can be Mathematics course and 1 more economics course.

*Master of Arts: Applied Economics program revision proposal approved

- b. Student Research Grants Committee:
 - i. No report included (report to follow)
 - ii. Discussion regarding April Grants
 - *Hahn indicated that enough money was left over from the April 1st distributions to announce a May 1st round of funding; suggested that all new applicants should be fully funded.
 - *Plummer/Dick motion to approve Student Research Grants; passed
 - c. Policy Committee:
 - i. Graduate Council Elections
 - *Neelly stated that the Graduate Council elections were complete and in the coming days the people than ran for election will be notified and the Graduate Council will be notified as well; * Neelly addressed the proper pathways for an item to referred to a sub-committee; curriculum items will go through the curriculum committee; research grants go out depending upon the funding and the due dates; *Neelly asked council how they wanted to officially recognize or refer issues or questions to the policy committee; *Wilson questioned if a college or department wants a policy question or issue acknowledged, who should bring that to the policy committee; *Neelly suggested that because of time constraints a policy issue, revision or question should not be discussed on the floor;
 - *Wells/Plummer motion that all new or revised policies will go through the chair of the Graduate Council before being referred to sub-committee; approve; passed
 - ii. No Report included, Discussion regarding upcoming meeting regarding Faculty Handbook changes.
 - *Wilson indicated she will be meeting with the faculty handbook committee on April 20th, 2016 to include graduate faculty status revision on the Faculty Senate agenda; revision will change the Graduate Faculty Status is conferred
- IV. Report from the Dean of Graduate School – Report included
 *Reed stated that Ronald Mitchell should be added to the current Graduate Faculty report; * announcement made regarding Graduate Program Coordinators mixer on April 20th, 2016 and welcomed ideas on any topics that may need to be discussed more formally at the mixer; Graduate School will be participating in international recruiting trips in the upcoming months to India and China; several graduate faculty members have agreed to participate in these trips; *Reed asked council for feedback regarding international recruiting; destinations are chosen by the faculty where its likely more students would be recruited; *Dressler questioned if the programs would be contacted to get program requirements and inquire if they have interest/room for more students; *Wilson asked if there were any data/news from the India Pilot Project; *Reed stated that there were rumors that some wanted to transfer to another university; *Neelly indicated that the administration looked at the issues Faculty and Council had with the India Pilot Project; budget cuts shouldn't affect the Graduate School's current and future assistantship allocations to colleges;
- V. Public Comments
 *Wilson announced that there was only 1 more meeting until changes with the council members are made; it is important to have official minutes and agendas uploaded to the Graduate Council website
- VI. Announcements & Adjourn
 *Plummer/Wells, motion to adjourn