



Minutes – May 12th, 2016
Special Meeting Time – 2:00 pm
Academic Affairs Conference RM 239

Members Present: Carl Myers, Kristin Wilson, Amy Cappiccie, Eve Main, Kirk Atkinson, Leyla Zhuhadar, Carl Dick, Lance Hahn, Marko Dumancic (sub for Beth Plummer), Angie Jerome, Shannon Vaughan, Molly Kerby, Ron Mitchell, Eric Reed, John Hay

Members Absent: Marge Maxwell, Steve Wells, Chris Groves, Beth Plummer, Andrew Rosa, Laura Brigman

Guests Present: Colette Chelf, Julie Harris, Laura Upchurch, Scott Gordon, Danita Kelley, Janet Applin, Cathleen Webb, Tiffany Robinson, Melissa Davis, Sylvia Gaiko, Laurie Branstetter, Wes Berry, Patricia Desrosiers

- I. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.; presided by Chair Kurt Neelly.
- II. Consideration of April 14th, 2016 minutes:
*Neelly motion approve; passed

Leyla Zhuhadar indicated that she has uploaded the previous Graduate Council meeting videos to an unlisted YouTube channel and the link to access these videos is on the Graduate Council website; Hahn questioned if the videos included closed caption; Zhuhadar stated she could enable closed caption on the videos but the minutes would also be uploaded as well; Neelly reminded the council that beginning in August 2016 Graduate Council minutes would follow Sturgis guidelines.

III. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee

Atkinson reported that the Religious Studies proposal was tabled and returned to the department for revision and will be considered again in the fall term;
*Passed

i. Temporary Course Proposal – SLP 567 School Based Speech Language Pathology (informational item)

b. Student Research Grants Committee

Vaughan reported 10 applicants; 2 applicants did not present and were not funded; no applicants were fully funded; letters explaining funding will be sent to each applicant;
*Passed

c. Policy Committee -- No Report

Wilson reported that the Graduate Faculty revision to the Faculty Handbook will be considered at Senate today following the Graduate Council meeting.

IV. Report from the Dean of Graduate School – Report included

Reed distributed report; stated Graduate School received no budget cuts for coming year; several recruiting trips are scheduled in the upcoming weeks for China and India; asked councils opinion about including a statement indicating Research Grant funds are available only to enrolled graduate student; proposed council consider recommending revision to IP grading for graduate students allowing for a longer time limit before rolling to F; commented that the graduate faculty policy endorsed by Graduate Council and on Senate agenda today needs clarity regarding how graduate faculty status would be removed, as well as including a process to grant temporary faculty status; reported graduate curriculum forms will be electronic starting in fall and Colette Chelf will be hosting group trainings and be available for individual training sessions;

Hahn questioned if the admission standards were changing with regard to international students; Reed, no -- currently three ways to be admitted to graduate programs: good standing (direct admit), conditional admission where department or graduate school will include a condition which must be met before they will be updated to good standing admission, or completion of ELSI. Neelly reported Enrollment Management has moved back under Academic Affairs.

V. Public Comments -- none

VI. Graduate Council Chair Comments

Neelly introduced Laurie Branstetter and Wes Berry as new council members; thanked Angie Jerome and Molly Kerby for service on council.

Graduate Faculty Report

*Hahn/Wilson, motion to approve; passed

VII. 2016-17 Graduate Council Elections: Vice Chair and Committee Chairs

Shannon Vaughan –Chair

*Atkinson/Main nominated Kristin Wilson for Vice Chair (Chair elect); Wilson accepted nomination; passed

Committee Chairs will be elected at first committee meetings

VIII. Announcements & Adjourn

*Atkinson/Wilson, motion to adjourn.