

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday Oct 17, 2017

2 – 3 p.m.

Wilson 2-257

Council in Attendance:

John Borkowski (Sciences)

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Robert Rydell (Letters)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)

Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

Tena Versland (Education)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Megan Prettyman (International Programs)

Absent:

Dennis Aig (Arts)

Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Meeting started at 2:02 pm

September 26, 2017 minutes

- Giullian Moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

Announcements

- **Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock)**
 - Starting conversation regarding workload policy, which will include language about advising/mentoring graduate students—still in development phase
 - FS was encouraged to have policy where units will create own workload plans
 - Currently in JAGS (joint academic governance steering committee), very preliminary
 - Comment: Engineering departments already take graduate student advising into account when deciding teaching loads
 - Concern: Grad Faculty Status could be mis-used when it comes to workload and promotion and tenure
- **Update: Office of International Programs (OIP)**
 - Royall (recruitment/application vendor) visit: 3 working sessions
- **Update: DPC**
 - Reminder: Research Rendezvous on 10/19
 - 44 students in poster competition
 - New this year: 3-minute research competition
- **Question re: PhD completion award: can student apply if finishing in summer?**
 - Only spring completion (May graduation)

Old Business

- **Graduate Faculty Status (Borkowski)**
 - Borkowski prepared revised draft that incorporated Council feedback and second-round feedback from Legal Counsel
 - Q: Why does UGC approve GFS for tenured/tenurable (TT) faculty?
 - Peer institutions do this. Council is a neutral body to approve and review criteria and quality
 - Concern raised that volume of faculty is too high for UGC to complete this approval process for every person
 - Will only begin review at 5 year renewal point; initial GFS status is automatic for all tenured/tenurable faculty. A faculty in this category can decline inclusion
 - Activity Insight will be integral to approval process
 - Concern raised: if there isn't explicit language describing what UGC's approval consists of, could create an issue between departments and UGC
 - There is language about the criteria
 - Q: Is participation in professional society (item (3)d., qualifying criteria, in proposal) really as important as scholarship? What does it have to do with graduate education/mentoring?
 - Professional licensures are important (like in Architecture and Engineering) and sometimes required for promotion & tenure (Arch)
 - It is *participation level* that is important—organizing panels, recruiting at conferences—not just *belonging* to a professional society
 - Engagement is another term up for consideration—work in local communities, overseas, or with other units on campus (between depts.)
 - Q: Why exclude 574 and 690 (item (3)b.) as qualifying criteria?
 - Because they are 1 on 1 graduate advising courses, which is covered in (3)a. “Supervise graduate level research or projects”
 - Also in some depts. the instructor of record for these courses isn't the advisor
 - Concern: “Opt-out” language could be in conflict with letter of hire duties. Is GFS a parallel with a letter of hire? Does GFS supersede it?
 - Choosing to decline GFS has no effect on the unit's letter of hire requirements—the language in the proposal will be revised to clarify this point
 - Q: Can a faculty member continue to serve on graduate committees and chair graduate committees without GFS?
 - Yes, as long as the faculty member is qualified and there is support by the dept. head.
 - Q: When can we share with respective colleges?
 - Encourage discussions with your dean and faculty
 - A new draft will be sent before next UGC meeting and can be shared with departments
 - UGC Chair Borkowski will make himself available to answer questions of your dean and faculty if necessary

Adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting – Oct 31 at 2 p.m.