I. Approval of the minutes from September 30, 2015
   • Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Murdoch.
   • Approved unanimously.

II. Announcements and reports
A. On-line Application System Update
   • Delayed a bit. Not likely to be available until late spring.

B. COGS Dean Position Update
   • McMurtry met with Provost Wiencek. No drastic changes. He is very busy with more urgent matters. COGS will be moved down a bit lower on his list of priorities for now.

III. Old Business
A. Language for Thesis/Dissertation Defenses
   • McMurtry thanked Greg Turner-Rahman for chairing this task force. Turner-Rahman said it was a group effort.
   • Legal Counsel is ok with the language as written by the committee.
   • Murdoch asked if non-committee members must leave the defense at a certain time, as it states in the new language. McMurtry said that is up to the committee.
   • Holyoke asked if this new language only pertains to the defense, not to the thesis/dissertation document. Answer: Yes.
   • Xing: Is there a requirement for an odd number on the committee? What if the vote is 2-2? Answer: No requirement for odd number. If vote is 2-2, the defense is failed because a majority did not vote in favor of passing.
   • Xing: Can a major professor fire a committee member? McMurtry: No. Student forms the committee, not the major professor. The student can ask a faculty to leave the committee.
   • McMurtry asked councilmembers to take this back to their faculty and bring their feedback to the next meeting.
IV. New Business
   A. Curricular Items
      1. Doctor of Athletic Training Changes
         • Philip Scruggs was there to answer questions about this and MSAT changes.
         • Add 12 credits to DAT.
         • Reineke moved to approve. Seconded by Holyoke.
         • Approved unanimously.
      2. MS Athletic Training Changes
         • This is a change to the catalog language to more closely match language in certification documents.
         • Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.
         • Approved unanimously.
      3. M. Arch. Changes
         • Cleaning up catalog language.
         • Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Holyoke.
         • Approved unanimously.
      4. M.A. in English Changes
         • To change the Grace Nixon Summer Institute requirements.
         • Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Reineke.
         • Approved unanimously.
      5. M.A. TESL Changes
         • This is to put coursework prescriptive in catalog.
         • Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Xing.
         • Approved unanimously.
   B. Catalog Changes
      1. Additional Language for Course Reservation Form
         • Add “non-degree” to course reservation language, rather than only “undergraduate.”
         • Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.
   C. Graduate Certificates
      • McMurtry reminded Council that the new rules for graduate certificates will be in effect soon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Future Meetings:
November 11
All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. (Pacific) in the Commons Crest.