

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2014
Commons Aurora Room
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

X	Jie Chen	X	Scott Minnich	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Jon Van Gerpen
X	Courtney Conway	X	Diane Prorak		Jane Weiss
X	Laura Holyoke		Sandra Reineke	X	Tao Xing
X	Ebenezer Jones-Mensah	X	Thomas Morrow		
X	Jill Johnson		Daniele Tonina		

- I. Approval of the minutes from October 22, 2014
 - Courtney Conway moved to approve. Scott Minnich seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.

- II. Announcements and reports
 - A. AGEP Grant
 - McMurtry described the project and told Council that an internal steering committee will be developed to guide the project through the next 42 months. He reported that Jill Johnson will serve on the committee.
 - This project is to get Native American and Alaska Native students into STEM programs.
 - A councilmember asked if there will be funding for minority students. McMurtry said there will be funding for stipend support but not for full stipends, only as a supplement to stipend support from the departments.
 - Conway asked where the bulk of the \$600K is budgeted. McMurtry said faculty travel and student support.
 - Chen thanked McMurtry for his hard work on this project.
 - B. PSM
 - Chen announced that the PSM has been moved to COGS.
 - They are in the process of finalizing the administrative structure.
 - C. Visits to departments
 - Chen announced that he wants to visit all departments with graduate programs to brief faculty on major developments in graduate education and to listen to faculty concerns. He asked Graduate Council members to schedule these visits if they haven't yet met with him.

- III. Discussion
 - A. M.S. Math Changes
 - Jones-Mensah moved to approve the addition of a thesis option. Johnson seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.

- B. M.S. Statistical Science Changes
 - Minnich moved to approve the proposal to clear up the Statistics language in the catalog. Murdoch seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
- C. M.S. Physics Changes
 - Holyoke moved to approve the removal of incorrect language concerning a comprehensive examination from the Physics section of the catalog. Conway seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
- D. M. Eng. Computer Engineering Changes; M. S. Computer Engineering Changes; M. Eng. Electrical Engineering Changes; M.S. Electrical Engineering Changes
 - Van Gerpen moved to approve the clean-up of the catalog languages for the programs listed above. Xing seconded.
 - Approved unanimously.
- E. GPSA letter of support
 - Morrow reported that this issue might be resolved soon, but GPSA would prefer to move forward with the letter from Graduate Council in case the resolution is not achieved.
 - Chen recommended one minor change to remove “on behalf of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Idaho,” which was accepted by the GPSA representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Future Meetings:
Spring schedule TBD