

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015
Commons Horizon Room
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

X	Jie Chen	X	Scott Minnich	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jerry McMurtry	-	Gordon Murdoch	X	Jon Van Gerpen
-	Courtney Conway	X	Diane Prorak	-	Jane Weiss
X	Laura Holyoke	-	Sandra Reineke	X	Tao Xing
X	Ankan Guria (for Jones-Mensah)	X	Thomas Morrow		
X	Jill Johnson	X	Mary Gardiner		

I. Approval of the minutes from January 28, 2015

- Jon Van Gerpen moved to approve. Seconded by Laura Holyoke.
- Unanimous approval

II. Announcements and reports

A. Update on Credit Reservation Request Form

- McMurtry reported that he talked with Dan Davenport, and moving credits from undergrad to grad might impact students who are on Pell Grants.
- McMurtry is checking with other universities to see how they handle the transfer of credits from undergraduate to graduate.
- Van Gerpen shared emails from various faculty in the College of Engineering who all feel that not allowing students to reserve courses that were taken in a previous semester for use on a graduate transcript might prohibit some students from going to graduate school.
- Van Gerpen asked why there is a need for a time restriction. This would create a barrier rather than minimize the barriers for getting students to go to grad school.
- Minnich expressed concern that there are not enough courses for students to take for their graduate degrees if they cannot pull forward some courses that were not used for their undergrad degree.
- Chen asked Graduate Council members to send feedback from their colleagues to COGS in the next week or two. Duke will send a reminder email to all Councilmembers with a deadline for feedback from the Colleges.

B. Academic Certificates

- McMurtry said he is working on getting a list of current/active/valid graduate certificates.
- The policy will be changed to read that one-half of the credits for the certificate must be at the graduate level in order to be considered a graduate certificate.
- McMurtry asked Councilmembers to take the new certificate language back to the faculty and solicit feedback. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

III. Discussion

A. Faculty Senate Proposed Changes to Bylaws

- Chen read Faculty Senate's response to the COGS Bylaws change. They have reservations/concerns about representation of the university-wide programs (UWP's).
- Gardiner asked what Council has to lose by allowing UWP's to have a seat.
- Van Gerpen asked if they are suggesting there be one member per UWP.
- McMurtry said there would be one representative for all UWP's.
- Council is asking Faculty Senate to clarify how the election of the UWP representative will be facilitated.

B. Online Graduate Application process

- McMurtry reported that there will be a fully-online graduate application system. A Request for Proposal has been sent. They hope to select a vendor within 2 months and have the system fully implemented by September 1.

C. GPSA

- Guria asked Chen and McMurtry about "official" transcripts for international graduate students.
- McMurtry and Chen said they would look into his situation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Future Meetings:

April 1 – Commons Crest

April 29 – Commons Crest

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Pacific time.