

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2018 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
IRIC 105**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	Jaap Vos (CAA)
X	Julie Amador (EHHS)	X	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
X	Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)	X	Alistair Smith (CNR)	X	Ata Zadehgo (ENGR)
X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Kailash Hamal for S. Adhikari (GPSA)
X	John Lawrence (CBE)	X	Jill Johnson for D. Tank (COS)	X	Rosebella Capio (GPSA)

Guests: Kate Strum, Mark Warner

- I. Approval of the minutes from September 12, 2018
  - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
  - Approved with 2 abstentions.
  
- II. Announcements and Reports
  - A. Introduce Kate Strum
  - B. Grad Council Workgroup to Look at Graduate Faculty Status Review
    - McMurtry asked for volunteers to serve on a workgroup to review FSH 1700 section on Graduate Faculty Membership and review processes.
    - Amador, Murdoch, Quinnett, and Smith agreed to serve.
  - C. WRGP – Western Regional Graduate Program
    - McMurtry described WRGP to councilmembers. It allows students in certain programs from WICHE states to pay in-state fees.
    - There are currently 3 students at UI on under this program. They are looking to expand the number of programs in the WRGP, but they do not want to open it up to every program.
    - Foisy/Mahoney would like to open a few pilot programs. Nuclear Engineering is likely one of those.
    - Warner said this might help CLASS because a lot of students apply and are accepted here, but they go elsewhere when they do not receive an assistantship.
    - It was suggested that some research should be done to look at applied vs admitted vs enrolled. This information might identify programs to try.
    - Q: Would this impact students on the GI Bill? A: Not sure.
    - Enrollment caps can be set on this.
  
- III. Discussion
  - A. Environmental Science Curriculum Item
    - Councilmembers had a discussion about PSM programs.
    - Murdoch moved to table this item. Seconded by Heinse.  
Approved unanimously.
  - B. Faculty with DAT serving on PhD committees
    - Two proposals were brought to the council. The two proposals were discussed in the opposite order that they appear in the paperwork.

1. Proposal 2: Add DAT to list of research degrees that are recognized by the Survey of Earned doctorates.
    - Murdoch said this was a slippery slope the last time this came to Graduate Council, and now we are slapping lard on our backs.
    - For this reason, Murdoch moved to deny both. Seconded by Johnson.
    - Murdoch said MD, DDS, DVM are more rigorous programs than DAT, and he would not approve of those degrees to qualify a person for Graduate Faculty, either.
    - Lawrence would like additional information, as he was not on Graduate Council the last time this topic was discussed.
    - Murdoch: this would be precedent setting. He is not in favor.
    - Johnson is not in favor of reducing the rigor.
  - Murdoch revised his motion to vote on the second proposal alone. Seconded by Johnson.
    - This failed unanimously.
  2. Proposal 1: Let Lindsay Larkins serve on Ph.D. committees in Movement Sciences
    - Strawn does not feel as though we should put up a barrier. He is not ready to vote on it.
    - Murdoch: last time this came through, it did not meet the rigor test.
    - Questions/Answers
      - Would this be on the list of equivalent degrees if it had remained a dissertation program? A: It is hard to say.
      - Concern with the faculty in that department not being tenure-track faculty. A: It is a self-support program; therefore, they do not have centrally-funded faculty.
    - Strawn felt as though members were too worried about setting precedent and were not looking at the qualifications of the individual.
  - Murdoch moved to vote on the first proposal to allow Lindsay Larkins to serve on Ph.D. committees in Movement Sciences indefinitely. Seconded by Johnson.
    - This did not pass with 0 in favor, 8 against, 5 abstentions.
- C. Continuous Registration
- McMurtry recently met with Brian Foisy and Trina Mahoney. Both are supportive of a continuous enrollment fee for students who are not currently enrolled and of a reduced fee for students who have completed their study plans and are just finishing their thesis/dissertation.
  - It has been confirmed that students who pay the reduced fee to finish up do qualify for SHIP.
  - Questions:
    - How does this impact students on the GI Bill? Answer: This does not apply to them.
    - Which university facilities will these students be able to use? Answer: email, Library, computers, etc. They will not be allowed to work in labs

or have assistantships. This is intended for students who are finished with fieldwork, research, etc, who just need to finish writing their thesis.

- McMurtry would like to reduce the number of semesters that students are allowed to not be enrolled before requiring readmission from 4 semesters to 2.
  - McMurtry will work with Brian Foisy and Trina Mahoney on the cost for each of those credits.
- D. RA Credit load
- Due to the time, this discussion was brief.
  - Looking at other universities to see what they require. Colorado State requires full Graduate Assistants to be registered for 6 credits, for example.
  - Yager and Smith reported the faculty in their departments are opposed to part-time RA's being required to be registered as full-time students.
  - McMurtry said the student could be put on a TH appointment if they only need a few credits to finish up, rather than on an assistantship. In that case, they would not be required to be registered full-time.
- E. McMurtry asked for 1-2 Graduate Council members to serve as college marshals at December Commencement. He also asked members to nominate students who are graduating in December to be the COGS featured student at commencement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Future Meetings:

October 24

November 14

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 105