I. Approval of the minutes from May 9, 2018
   - Quinnett moved to approve. Seconded by Strawn.
   - 6 abstentions. Minutes were not approved.

II. Announcements and Reports
   A. Introduction of New Members – Dave Tank (Science), Julie Amador (EHHS), Kristin Henrich (Library), John Lawrence (CBE), Shiva Adhikari and Rosebella Capio (GPSA)
   B. New COGS Staff Beginning September 24 – Kate Strum
   - COGS hired a Director of Graduate Student Support Programs. She is coming from Oklahoma State. She will begin on September 24.
   C. AGEP update – 2019 Meeting and Recruitment Dollars Available
   - We are in the no-cost extension phase of the grant.
   - There is money available for recruitment of students from Native American schools. They must be in STEM fields, according to the NSF definition of STEM.
   - There are also funds available to send faculty to the AISES and SACNAS conferences.
   D. Professional Science Masters
   - PSM degree has existed in CNR until now. The wish is to expand it to other colleges. The PSM is a professional-level terminal degree.
   - Jerry McMurtry is the point person, at this time.
   E. TA Awards
   - McMurtry described the new TA system and asked members for feedback.

III. Discussion
   A. JD/MPA Proposal
   - Proposal to make coterminous JD/MPA degree.
   - Smith moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
   - Approved unanimously.
   B. Number of Credits from Professional (Law) Degree Programs Transferring to Grad Programs
   - Catalog language was proposed to indicate how many law credits could be counted toward a graduate degree.
   - Questions:
     - How many can be counted from an undergrad degree? A: 12
• McMurtry researched such policies at other universities. 12 was the highest number allowed, and 6 was the lowest. He recommended allowing 6 or 9.
• Lawrence moved to approve allowing 9 law credits to be counted toward a graduate degree. Seconded by Quinnett.
• Approved unanimously.
C. Continuous Registration
• Language was introduced to create policy to allow students who are finished with everything except their thesis/dissertation to register for a continuous enrollment credit while they are finishing writing and defending.
• It would be a unique course – i.e., COGS 999 – and would allow students to pay a reduced price. This would also allow them access to the Library and computing services. Students would have access to purchase UI student health insurance.
• The proposal also changes the rule to 2 semesters from 5 for the number of semesters a student is allowed to be out without reenrollment.
• Questions:
  - Would this apply to international students? A: McMurtry talked to IPO. They think it will work for one year.
  - Please, add a note to the proposal that the cost of this will be less than regular tuition.
  - How does this fee apply to faculty time? There appears to be ambiguity.
  - What if the student needs more than 1 semesters? A: They can petition.
  - Is this intended for students who leave for a semester for an internship? A: No. They are usually registered for the internship.
• Members were asked to take this back to their departments and get feedback so that a policy can be drafted.
D. Graduate Committee Membership (GPSA)
• GPSA brought forth a proposal to change FSH 1700 language to say that Instructors and Senior Instructors may be eligible to serve on a graduate student committee.
• Comments:
  - Instructors are hired on very different criteria than faculty. They should not be allowed to replace a faculty member on a committee.
  - Murdoch reported this is a “Hard NO” from his colleagues.
  - Instructors are only hired to teach. They have no research component.
  - Lawrence reported that some of the CBE Instructors have Ph.D.’s and could provide benefits to a Master’s student committee.
  - This would dilute rigor. Some are qualified to contribute. They could serve “with” but not replace a regular faculty member on a committee.
  - It was pointed out that the mechanism is already in place to allow an Instructor to be on a committee. The last sentence in the bylaws say, “These criteria may be waived at the discretion of the dean of College of Graduate Studies.”
• No motion was made.
E. Minimum Credit Requirements for RA’s
• McMurtry talked about a new policy that would require all RA’s to be registered as full-time students, regardless of their FTE.
• CNR said this will be catastrophic to their programs.
If the continuous enrollment policy was enacted, CNR might be more in favor of this.
Other members agreed that this would be a bad policy.
Q: Why do we need this? A: To have consistency between TA’s, SA’s, and RA’s.
Murdoch moved to table this item for further discussion. Seconded by Quinnett. Approved unanimously to table it.
Councilmembers will discuss this with their departments and bring feedback to the next meeting.

F. Graduate Student Handbook
McMurtry talked about the Graduate Student Handbook. He asked members to look at the Handbook template he created and let him know their thoughts.
Future plan is to require departments to have a Graduate Student Handbook.

G. Graduate Faculty Status and Graduate Faculty Status Review
McMurtry asked members to give him feedback on how to strengthen or change the FSH1700 section on Graduate Faculty Review.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Future Meetings:
October 3
October 24
November 14
All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 105