

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2019 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
IRIC 305**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	David Tank (COS)
X	Dan Cronan (CAA)		Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
	Jeff Bailey (CBE)	X	Penny Tenuto (EHHS)	X	Ata Zadehgo (ENGR)
X	Robert Heitse (At-Large/UWP)	X	Eva Strand (CNR)	X	Jordan Hardy (GPSA)
X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Connor Hill (GPSA)

- I. Approval of the minutes from October 23, 2019
  - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Hill.
  - Approved with one abstention.
  
- II. Announcements and Reports
  - A. TA Support
    - Cuts are likely. Members were asked to have their faculty consider renewals, contribution to the common core, lower division courses, and SCH when considering TA offers for next year.
    - Questions/Comments:
      - Can we spread the cut by reducing TA stipends rather than cut numbers of TA's?
      - Would hate to slip backwards with regard to TA stipends.
      - We are in the middle of recruiting time now. Need to know what the cuts will be ASAP.
      - Can one TA line be cannibalized to cover SHIP for TA's?
      - Not sure.
  - B. Visit Day
    - COGS has some funds to bring in prospective students.
  - C. 3-year Degrees
    - Expanded to include students in the Barcelona accord.
    - Is there interest in expanding this? For example, to New Zealand and/or India.
    - Will be brought back for future discussion.
  - D. CGS April 15 Resolution
    - CGS memo was sent to all deans. This prevents poaching.
  - E. Professional Degrees on Thesis and Dissertation Committees
    - Example given of current situation where a person with an MD wants to serve on a Ph.D. committee
    - Members concur that the person would not be qualified to assess the exam, which is the thesis/dissertation defense. What is the necessity?
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. Posthumous Degree Policy
    - Hardy moved to approve posthumous degree language. Seconded by Cronan.
    - Approved unanimously.
  - B. Summer Registration
    - Moved to a future meeting due to time.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Student Petitions from EHHS

- Two EHHS students petitioned to change their Ph.D. study plans that had been previously approved by Graduate Council.
- Department Chair of Movement Science and Department Chair of Statistics both approve of the changes. So do their committees.
- Heinse moved to approve both petitions. Seconded by Hill.
- Passed with three abstentions – Murdoch, Strawn, Zadehgo.

##### B. Curriculum Items

###### 1. MAT CI (Taylor Raney)

###### 2. MAT SPED (Taylor Raney)

- 1 & 2 discussed together.
- Hardy moved to approve both. Seconded by Henrich.
- Passed unanimously.

###### 3. CEE MEng (Elowyn Yager)

- Proposal is to drop from 33 to 30 credits because other departments in Engineering require 30 credits. National average for MEng degrees is 30 credits.
- Zadehgo moved to approve. Seconded by Henrich.
- Passed unanimously.

###### 4. Nuclear Graduate Certificate (Alice Allen)

- UI would be the only school in the nation that has this certificate program.
- Questions/Comments
  - Will it be associated with a degree program? -- It can be. It is also a stand-alone certificate.
  - Did INL request this? – Not specifically. This came from faculty researching trends and seeing where needs will be.
  - Is there a certification test? -- No. This is not certification.
- Heinse moved to approve. Seconded by Hill.
- Passed unanimously.

###### 5. Dietetics (Hydee Becker)

- M.S. in Dietetics. Mandate for credentialing exam.
- 55 credit professional Master's. Non-thesis. Possibly a 3+2.
- Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Cronan.
- Passed unanimously.

###### 6. TESOL (Taylor Raney)

- Proposal is to move TESL from English/CLASS to EHHS.
- Heinse moved to approve. Seconded by Hardy.
- Passed unanimously.

###### 7. MNR Restoration Ecology (Eva Strand)

- Add Restoration Ecology and Wildlife Management options
- Hardy moved to approve. Seconded by Cronan.
- Passed unanimously.

###### 8. EHHS Curriculum Discontinuation

- Informational item. Discontinuation of Ed.D. in Rexburg.
- No vote required.

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Future Meetings:

January 22

February 26

March 25

April 15

May 6

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 305