Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019 – 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 | Jeff Bailey (CBE) | X | Alistair Smith (CNR) | X | Ata Zadehgol (ENGR) |
| Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP) | X | Daniel Strawn (CALS) | X | Shiva Adhikari (GPSA) |
| X | Kristin Henrich (Library) | X | David Tank (COS) | X | Ananth Jillepalli (GPSA) |

I. Approval of the minutes from March 27, 2019
   • Adhikari moved to approve. Seconded by Murdoch.
   • Approved with three abstentions – Quinnett, Tank, Yager.

II. Announcements and Reports
A. Innovation Showcase – April 18
   • Members were encouraged to sign up to be judges.
B. Louis Stokes Bridge to Doctorate Grant
   • Provost Wiencek applied for the LSAMP grant. NSF is visiting campus for a pre-award site visit on May 7. They will meet with STEM deans and others from across campus.
   • If the grant is awarded, it will fund 12 native STEM doctoral students for two years.

III. Discussion
A. DAT Sub/Waiver Request (Kitchell/ Nasypany/Baker)
   • They wish to allow a student to transfer 13 courses from the MSAT to the DAT program. This same request was approved for a different student in last year.
   • Nasypany and Baker explained to Council the differences between MSAT and DAT coursework. They are very different than other graduate programs.
   • This was approved by McMurtry. He wanted Graduate Council to discuss it with the department to see if there is a way to prevent this with future students.
   • After a lengthy discussion, no solutions were offered.
B. 500/600 Credit Limitations
   • Catalog language was drafted and presented to change the catalog to limit the number of 500/599/600 credits that are allowed on a study plan.
   • Questions/Concerns:
     --This might hinder Master’s students from going on to get a PhD.
     --Why limit research? More research increases students’ ability to get hired.
     --There is no difference between 500/600 level research. Why put limits on each one?
     --This proposed language would penalize students who skip the Master’s and go straight to Ph.D.
     --Do we want to limit the number of 500/599 credits allowed on a Ph.D. study plan?
     --Can the language just say “research” credits rather than limit how many of each type – 500/599/600?
   • Members will take the proposed back to their faculty and get feedback.
C. Graduate Student Evaluations
   • Who should do them? Should part-time and/or distance students be exempt?
   • Consensus was that everyone should complete the evaluations. The only exception should be students who are graduating that semester.
   • Murdoch would love to see the evaluation added to the degree audit.

D. Continuous Registration
   • Members agree that the new continuous registration language is good, as long as the cost remains reasonable. McMurry: The proposal is to have it based on 25% of a single credit, rather than a set dollar amount.
   • Jillepalli moved to approve this language. Seconded by Bailey.
   • Approved unanimously.

E. Graduate Faculty Committee Update
   • McMurry asked Council if they want to keep going with this or table it until the QTT is done with their task?
   • Comments/Questions:
     --Murdoch: Vetting is not the same for tenure vs. non-tenure track faculty positions. Current language is flawed.
     --Strawn sent it to four department chairs. Three were not in favor of this and one was indifferent.
     --There is a big difference in what “Research Faculty” means between colleges.
     --Strawn: Not allowing research faculty to serve as sole major professor is demoralizing. Murdoch: the reason to require that they be co-MP is to protect the students if a non-tenure track faculty leaves UI.
     --Yager: Chair sees a problem with this because it is penalizing research faculty.
     --Strawn: It sends a bad message to not allow research faculty to be sole major professor.
     --Yager: All faculty in her department is evaluated on their mentorship of graduate students.
   • Murdoch asked Council to read Option A and Option B and report back what they like and don’t like.
   • Vos will take this back to his faculty.
   • This is will be brought back to a future meeting.

Adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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