

**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 Zadehgoi (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. McMurtry: 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
  - McMurtry 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