Graduate Council Meeting Agenda
April 24, 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) |
| X | Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP) | X | Daniel Straw (CALS) | X | Shiva Adhikari (GPSA) |
| X | Kristin Henrich (Library) | X | David Tank (COS) | X | Ananth Jillepalli (GPSA) |

I. Approval of the minutes from April 10, 2019
   - Adhikari moved to approve. Seconded by Smith.
   - Approved with one abstention (Heinse)

II. Announcements and Reports
   A. Terms ending – Ata Zadehogol (1st term)
   B. Innovation Showcase – we had 38 presentations
   C. LSAMP Grant
      - Pre-award site visit scheduled for May 7. The award will fully fund students for 2 years, and the department will fund them the rest of their academic career. Native American students in STEM.
   D. PSM Update
      - We are in the process of rebuilding the PSM program. Hope to have programs ready to go soon.
   E. Report of COGS Petitions
      - McMurtry and Lana Unger described the COGS petitions that were handled during AY 2019-20.

III. Discussion
   A. Short Term Parental Leave Policy (GPSA) – Connor Hill
      - Connor Hill, incoming GPSA President, presented GPSA’s parental leave policy proposal to Graduate Council.
      - Hill asked WSU for the usage and cost of their policy, but he hasn’t yet heard back.
      - BSU does not have a parental leave policy for students.
      - Liz Brandt advised Hill to keep the policy in line with the faculty policy.
      - Questions:
        --Q: if a TA is on parental leave, would someone fill in for them? Answer: Not sure how it would be dealt with.
        --Q: how would this be paid for? Answer: WSU has a pot of money for this. GPSA will put in an IBFC request for a such a pool.
        --Q: could another TA fill in? Answer: No. TA’s cannot work more than 20 hours per week. The TA could be put on an additional TH appointment and work less than 10 additional hours per week.
        --There was confusion about whether this is paid or unpaid leave. Hill will clear that up in the proposal.
      - Bailey moved to approve. Seconded by Smith.
      --Approved unanimously.
B. Change of Curriculum Form Update
   - Smith suggested adding a signature line for the DGS to sign the Graduate Change of Curriculum form.
   - After a short discussion, it was decided to change the signature line to say “Department Chair / Program Director”
   - Bailey moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.
     --Approved with one abstention (Murdoch)

C. FCS Graduate Faculty Request
   - Family and Consumer Science Department Chair asked to amend the list of graduate faculty in her department.
   - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Yager.
     --Approved with one abstention (Strawn)

D. 500/600 Credit Limitations Follow-up
   - CNR faculty have issue with non-thesis research credits being used toward a doctorate. It is not the same bar as doctoral research.
   - Murdoch expressed concern with making it more difficult for students here than for transfer students.
   - Zadehgol would like to take it to his faculty for discussion/input.
   - Yager is concerned that this creates two classes of students – those who earned a Masters and those who skipped the Masters and went straight for the PhD.
   - Many members are not in favor of 599 credits being allowed on the PhD study plan.
   - Members were encouraged to talk to their faculty and bring feedback to a future meeting.

E. Graduate Faculty Committee Update
   - Members of the Graduate Faculty Committee Task Force discussed two options. Option A – current proposed language. Option B – amended language if QTT goes through Faculty Senate.
   - Suggestion was made to add DAT faculty to the section for non-thesis program.
   - Smith asked councilmembers to read both options. This will come back to a future meeting for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Future Meetings:
Fall meetings TBD
All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific)