Graduate Council Meeting Agenda January 22, 2020 – 3:30-5:00 p.m. IRIC 305

| Χ | Jerry McMurtry | Х | Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS) | Х | David Tank (COS) |
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| Χ | Dan Cronan (CAA) | | Mark Warner for KQ (CLASS) | Χ | Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR) |
| | Jeff Bailey (CBE) | | Julie Amador (EHHS) | Χ | Ata Zadehgol (ENGR) |
| Χ | Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP) | Χ | Alistair Smith (CNR) | Χ | Jordan Hardy (GPSA) |
| Х | Kristin Henrich (Library) | Х | Daniel Strawn (CALS) | Χ | Connor Hill (GPSA) |

- I. Approval of the minutes from November 20, 2019
 - Warner moved to approve. Seconded by Hardy.
 - Approved unanimously.
- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. 3MT
 - o Friday, February 7 at 1:00pm. Cash prizes will be awarded. Winners will be sent to Boise for the statewide 3MT.
 - B. Visit Day
 - o February 14. COGS has funds to bring in a few prospective students.
 - C. University Awards for Excellence Nominations due Friday, January 24
 - D. TA Support
 - McMurtry reported that COGS expects to see a \$1.2M reduction in the FY21 TA budget.
 - The deans are working together on a new formula that takes into account credit hours produced, dollars brought back in from research grants, SCH lower division vs upper divisions, courses with enrollment above 50, and terminal degrees. The new formula will be in use in the next year or so.
 - o Questions/comments
 - --There are rumors of giving TA's to Master's degree students only. JM: No. The focus will be on terminal degree programs.
 - --How much is being cut per college? JM: The deans have that information.
 - --Non-resident tuition waivers will continue to be awarded to all full-time Graduate Assistants.
 - --COGS will retain two full awards in case of emergency.
 - o Hope to have the firm number by mid-February.
 - E. Slate Update
 - o Having issues getting the payment processing to work for application fees.
 - o Application fees are waived for anyone currently in the system, until further notice.
 - F. R1 Working Group
 - McMurtry is on the R1 committee and will report back to Graduate Council what he can from the meetings. Brad Ritts is the chair of the committee.

III. Old Business

- A. Summer Registration
 - McMurtry will forward an email from Legal concerning this issue to Graduate Council members.

IV. New Business

- A. Curriculum Items
 - 1. Remote Sensing of the Environment
 - New graduate certificate. It involves all existing classes. No new courses need to be created for this certificate.
 - Hardy moved to approve. Seconded by Cronan. Passed unanimously.
- B. Graduate Admissions Processor in India
- C. International Graduate Application Process
 - o Items B & C were discussed together.
 - UI employs a recruiter in India. There is discussion to increase his role to include application processing from Indian students. This would expedite COGS processes because he knows the institutions. GPA requirements would not be reduced, nor would language requirements.
 - He would be allowed to collect and verify transcripts.
 - It was discussed that 3-year Indian degrees will be accepted as long as they are NAAC-A and Division 1.
 - o Comments/concerns:
 - --India is a caste system. Concern was expressed that there might be a predisposition to entitlement based on social class.
 - --This will only be for self-funded students.
 - --Graduate Admissions will still have the final say.
- D. Transcripts only official that post the final degree
 - o Official transcripts are required from all institutions attended.
 - Some institutions only require transcripts from the institution where the final degree was awarded. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for all other institutions.
 - This would be for domestic transcripts only.
 - o It would benefit students by not requiring them to order official transcripts from multiple institutions.
 - o Members were in support of this.
- E. Catalog Language: Non-Degree Registration for Graduate Courses
 - Catalog language was written to address non-degree student enrollment in the College of Graduate Studies and reserving non-degree courses for the graduate transcript.
 - One minor edit was suggested by Yager to include transfer credits in the sentence that limits the number of non-degree credits that can be moved to the graduate transcript.
 - Heinse moved to approved with the edit. Seconded by Hill. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Future Meetings: February 26 March 25 April 15 May 6