

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
IRIC 305

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	David Tank (COS)
X	Julie Amador (EHHS)	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
	Linda Chen (CBE)	X	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Ata Zadehgo (ENGR)
X	Dan Cronan (CAA)		Alistair Smith (CNR)	X	Jordan Hardy (GPSA)
X	Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)	x	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Connor Hill (GPSA)

- I. Approval of the minutes from January 22, 2020
 - Hardy moved to approve. Seconded by Cronan.
 - Approved with one abstention.

- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. TA Support
 - COGS has to cut \$1.2M in FY 21. This means 68-70 TA positions had to be cut.
 - McMurtry is working to get some of those cut TA positions back.
 - Stay tuned...
 - B. 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Update
 - Statewide 3MT was held in Boise on Feb 19. We sent four students from here.
 - UI took 1st place – Maribel Alfaro from Civil Engineering.
 - BSU took 2nd and 3rd place.
 - C. Visit Day
 - Campus visit day for prospective graduate students was February 14. 17 prospective students attended.
 - There are a few more funds available if departments have students they are interested in bringing to campus. Contact Mikyla Wood in COGS if interested.
 - D. Excellence Awards
 - McMurtry asked councilmembers to serve on awards selection committees.
 - E. SEM Position for Grad Campaigns
 - SEM has a position open for a person to work on graduate campaigns.
 - F. Update on COGS Admissions Office Changes
 - Two staff members in Graduate Admissions took the incentive. Both positions will be refilled. Position descriptions are being rewritten now, and we hope to get them posted soon.
 - G. Request for College Marshals – needed by March 13
 - COGS needs 2 faculty to help with Commencement as Marshals.
 - H. Nominations for Highlight Student – needed by March 13
 - COGS is seeking nominations for a student to be highlighted at May Commencement. They must be graduating this Spring or Summer and must be participating in Commencement.
 - Please, email Kathy or Lana with the names of any such students.

- III. Old Business
 - A. M.A.T. Update
 - The M.A.T. language from EHHS that was approved by GC last Fall is not congruent with the M.A.T. language in Science. This will come back later for further discussion.
 - B. Continuous Enrollment Edits from Dwaine
 - McMurtry reviewed minor edits from the Registrar's Office with the group. Rather than a GRAD XXX course, each department will create a "finishing status" course.
 - This will move forward to Faculty Senate.
 - The hope is to have it on the books by Fall.

- IV. New Business
 - A. Repeating a Course for Grade and GPA Improvement
 - Language concerning repeating a course for grade and grade point average improvement was brought to council.
 - Comments/concerns:
 - What about research credits? This language does not preclude that.
 - Students should not be allowed to repeat a course with a B, C, or D just to improve their GPA.
 - Several members expressed concerns with repeating research courses. Theatre has a concern with a student failing their jury and being able to repeat it. Same with Art & Architecture.
 - It was suggested to write language specific to graduate students.
 - Suggested inclusions: no repeating research credits 9500/599/600) or jury credits; only allow the student to repeat a course with the permission of the major professor.
 - Another suggestion was to make it happen only through an appeals process. No repeating courses unless it goes through an appeals committee for approval.
 - Members feel as though there should be a narrow window created for an appeals process for graduate students to repeat a course.
 - McMurtry will write a policy for graduate students and will bring it back to a future meeting for a vote.
 - B. Create Language Concerning Lab Use
 - An email from Legal Counsel was read and discussed, and it was decided that it is not necessary to write language concerning summer lab use by graduate students, at this time.

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Future Meetings:

March 25

April 15

May 6

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