Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
April 28th, 2021– 3:30-5:00 p.m.
ZOOM

X Jerry McMurtry
x Kristin Henrich (Library)
X David Tank (COS)

x Julie Amador (EHHS)
x Pedram Rezamand (At-Large/CALS)
x Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)

X Linda Chen (CBE)
x Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)
x Ata Zadehgol (ENGR)

x Dan Cronan (CAA)
x Kerri Vierling (CNR/ENVS)
x Seth Rose (GPSA)

x Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)
x Dan Strawn (CALS)
X Alexander Blanco (GPSA)

I. Minutes from April 4th, 2021- approved unanimously

II. Announcements
   a. Terms of Service for Council Members
      i. https://www.uidaho.edu/cogs/resources/faculty-staff-resources/graduate-council
      ii. Those with term year of “2021” will finish service this semester.
   b. Give COGS summer homework- ideas for next year?

III. New Business
   a. Student Dismissal Appeal
   b. GPA for Provisional Admission
      i. There is some benefit to admitting a student with provisional status.
      ii. This doesn’t replace the requirement that reason must be provided to admit someone without provisions if they have a lower GPA.
      iii. Admission of low GPA and provisions automatically go on acceptance letter and it’s made clearer to them that they’ll need to work a little harder to get up to speed.
      iv. If we don’t automatically code students as provisional it creates more work because these applications have to go back to the department.
      v. These students would not qualify for assistantship, and international students wouldn’t qualify for admission at all.
      vi. GPA with provisional admissions would then become the default decision for students with a GPA below 2.7 who are admitted. The department could write a letter to override the decision to admit with provisions if desired.
      vii. The provisional admission does not come with a hold.
      viii. Right now, the current system works out well for CBE and provisional admissions are overcome well.
      ix. Making provisional admission the default for students below a 2.7 GPA could help expedite the process, but we can continue to review this on a case-by-case basis
      x. Not certain how many students would be affected by this, specifically with regards to students being denied GAships because of their provisional status.
      xi. Too late for the catalog this year so we can sit on this if needed
         1. COGS will draft language with a 2.7 GPA cut-off
   c. Incoming International Student Credit Requirements for Summer
      i. Shift in summer enrollment requirements from IPO.
      ii. Previously students only needed one credit in the summer to begin working and kick in their visa. Now, regardless of the semester they start they must enroll in 9 credits.
credits must be in person. This is only for students starting the program, not continuing students.

iii. Students do need to provide additional proof of funding to start in summer, so not many begin in the summer.

iv. In many programs there are not 6 in person credits that students can take, departments will need to ensure that students are aware of this.

d. Offer Letter Requirement with Verification of Funds for I-20
   i. Graduate Admissions is trying to process I-20s as fast as possible. When we get verification of financial assistantship sometimes there is a discrepancy between the amount listed on this form and the offer letter, or the type of assistance. This discrepancy makes it much more difficult to issue 1-20s in a timely fashion.
   ii. I-20s will only be issued if grad admissions has the verification of funds AND an offer letter that matches.
   iii. A member asked- wouldn’t it be easier to ask for the offer letter and then use numbers form this to create the financial verification form? Yes, but these letters don’t always have the information needed.
   iv. Tying these two together in the same timeline would solve this issue.

e. Residency Requirement for TAs
   i. Can students teach online courses from out of state?
   ii. Still waiting on more info here

f. Research Credit Language in the Catalog
   i. [https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/graduate-studies/doctoral-degrees/#generalrequirementstext](https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/graduate-studies/doctoral-degrees/#generalrequirementstext)
   ii. See new language attached
   iii. Part about courses below 300 should be a new paragraph
   iv. Clean up grammar a bit
   v. Unanimous approval

g. Report of COGS petitions
   i. See attachment

h. Professional Development Programming Overview
   i. Graduate Student Support Programs calendar reviewed
   ii. Another calendar will be sent out in the Fall
   iii. Exiting graduate students, grad students on provisions, those populations of students who may have unique needs could benefit from a tailored session

i. Enrollment Data Overview

Future Meetings:
None! Enjoy your summer.