I. Approval of the minutes from February 28, 2018
   • Turner-Rahman moved to approve. Seconded by Johnson.
   • Approved unanimously

II. Announcements and Reports
A. Grad Recruitment Day
   • It went well. Departments brought in exceptional candidates. Hope to land several of them.
   • 2 have already committed.
B. 3 Minute Thesis
   • It is happening next Monday, April 2. 18 students have registered.
C. Innovation Showcase
   • Happening April 25. Registration information for students and judges will be sent out soon.

III. Discussion
A. TA/RA/SA Catalog Language
   • Regular employee benefits are not available to graduate students, such as annual leave, sick leave, and university provided health insurance.
B. Additional Appointments for Graduate Assistants
   • Language has been added to allow full-time graduate assistants to hold an additional temporary help position working up to 10 hours per week.
   • The consensus was that this is about right with a provision for special cases.
   • Language will be added saying additional appointments over 10 hours per week are subject to approval by COGS.
   • Members discussed and voted on A & B together, since they are part of the same document.
     - Murdoch moved to approve the new catalog language for Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships with the addition noted above. Seconded by Bailey.
     - Approved unanimously
C. Major Professor Language
   • A fifth reason for co-major professors was suggested: interdisciplinary research.
   • Does language need to be added indicating what the highest degree is?
     - It was suggested to add a link to the list of equivalent degrees created by NIH/CGS.
• Turner-Rahman moved to approve. Seconded by Murdoch.
• Approved unanimously.

D. Thesis and Dissertation Statements
• There was discussion around non-thesis options. Members had concern that there is not a committee required for non-thesis programs.
• There was a suggestion to consider creating rules for non-thesis requirements.
• Perhaps the department chair signature can/should be added to the Non-Thesis Requirement Form.
• Several members had concerns with the non-thesis degree seeming like a “consolation prize” in some departments.
• Members had issues with 2 students getting the “same” degree when one is thesis and one is non-thesis.
• The thesis degrees and non-thesis degrees should be separate/distinct degrees.
• Members asked if “Non-thesis” could be added to the transcript.
• McMurtry will talk to the Registrar’s Office to see if that can happen, if it doesn’t already.
• Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Strawn.
• Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Future Meetings:
April 18
May 9
All meetings are on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 321.