

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2014  
Commons Clearwater Room  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

X	Jie Chen	X	Scott Minnich	X	Stacy Isenburger
X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Jon Van Gerpen
X	Courtney Conway	X	Diane Prorak	X	Jane Weiss
X	Laura Holyoke	X	Sandra Reineke	X	Tao Xing
X	Ebenezer Jones-Mensah	X	Thomas Morrow		
X	Jill Johnson		Daniele Tonina		

- I. Approval of the minutes from September 17, 2014
  - Gordon Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Scott Minnich.
  - Approved with one abstention
  
- II. Announcements and reports
  - A. UI J.D. / BSU M.B.A. Concurrent Program
    - Jie Chen read the email from the associate dean of the College of Law concerning the proposed program.
    - Jane Weiss said she knew nothing about this proposal and expressed concern given the President's push for them to develop online classes, and an M.B.A. program would be the most logical way to do this. She wondered if President Staben knows anything about this and will talk to Mario about it.
  
- III. Discussion
  - A. M.P.A. Changes (vote)
    - Brian Ellison was a guest for this portion of the meeting. He described the complete overhaul of the MPA program in the April 30, 2014, Graduate Council meeting and added little follow-up with an opportunity for Council to ask questions.
    - Courtney Conway moved to approve the changes. Seconded by Jill Johnson.
    - Approved with 2 abstentions.
  - B. BCB Graduate Certificate (vote)
    - A BCB Graduate Certificate is being proposed to make BCB expertise available to graduate students in other programs.
    - Gordon Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Ebenezer Jones-Mensah.
    - Approved unanimously.
  - C. M.A. English Changes (vote)
    - Steve Chandler attended the meeting to explain the rationale for the changes, removing Plan A and Plan B options from the wording and replacing it with Thesis and Non-thesis.
    - Scott Minnich moved to approve. Seconded by Gordon Murdoch.
    - Approved unanimously.

- D. M. Acct. Changes (vote)
- Jane Weiss explained the rationale for changing from 4 required seminars to 3.
  - Courtney Conway moved to approve. Seconded by Thomas Morrow.
  - Approved unanimously.
- E. Applied Economics Changes (vote)
- Jerry McMurtry will clarify with CALS that the 300 level course allowed to be used must be in a supporting area and will have the language added to the proposal.
  - Scott Minnich moved to approve with this language added. Seconded by Jane Weiss.
  - Approved unanimously.
- F. CNR – MNR Bifurcation (vote)
- Ron Robberecht attended the meeting to explain the proposed changes – to split into two options: 1-Integrated Natural Resources; 2-Fire Ecology and Management. They would like to add restoration ecology in the future.
  - Ebenezer Jones-Mensah moved to approve. Seconded by Tao Xing.
  - Approved unanimously.
- G. Law Faculty Membership on Graduate Council (vote)
- The task force suggests that a Law faculty could have one of the at-large seats on Graduate Council. It was decided that it would not be necessary to make a seat specifically for College of Law, since giving them an at-large seat would serve the same purpose.
  - Jon Van Gerpen asked why Law needs a seat on Grad Council, since their curricular items do not go through here. Jie Chen and Jerry McMurtry explained that there are many concurrent programs, and Law faculty sit on graduate student committees.
  - Van Gerpen asked if they are on Graduate Faculty.
  - McMurtry said they serve on committees of concurrent degrees, but they are not on graduate faculty.
  - Laura Holyoke moved to approve the recommendation made by the task force. Seconded by Ebenezer Jones-Mensah.
  - Approved unanimously.
- H. GPA Requirements for Graduation (vote)
- Jerry McMurtry explained this proposed change to require a 3.0 on coursework on the student's study plan in order to graduate.
  - Jill Johnson asked how the GPA will be calculated correctly.
  - Jerry McMurtry said Cheri will do it.
  - Thomas Morrow moved to approve the change. Seconded by Courtney Conway.
  - Approved unanimously.
- I. UWP Membership on Graduate Council
- The question was asked whether the bylaws need to be changed to eliminate the University Wide Programs seat from Graduate Council.
  - Two options: 1-eliminate Section 2. b. from the bylaws. 2-keep language as is and define UWP's.

- Jill Johnson moved to strike all language regarding UWP's from the bylaws. Seconded by Gordon Murdoch.
  - Approved unanimously.
- J. Support for international students' participation in GPSA (GPSA)
- Due to the recent IRS audit, there are issues with the manner in which GPSA members are paid. The solution the University has devised makes it impossible for international students to be paid for their GPSA service.
  - GPSA reps are asking Graduate Council for support in the form of a letter to the University's "How to pay" committee asking them to come up with strategies to pay GPSA students that will work for domestic and international students.
  - Laura Holyoke moved that Graduate Council draft a letter to the "How to pay" committee in support of GPSA. Seconded by Sandra Reineke.
  - Approved with two abstentions.

Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Future Meetings:

November 19 – Commons Crest

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Pacific time.