

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015
Commons Crest Room
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Nancy Sprague for Ben Hunter	-	Alistair Smith
X	Julie Amador – phone	X	Jill Johnson	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Alex Corredor	X	Scott Minnich	X	Tao Xing
X	Ankan Guria	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Elowyn Yager - phone
X	Laura Holyoke	X	Sandra Reineke		

- I. Approval of the minutes from September 30, 2015
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Murdoch.
 - Approved unanimously.

- II. Announcements and reports
 - A. On-line Application System Update
 - Delayed a bit. Not likely to be available until late spring.
 - B. COGS Dean Position Update
 - McMurtry met with Provost Wiencek. No drastic changes. He is very busy with more urgent matters. COGS will be moved down a bit lower on his list of priorities for now.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Language for Thesis/Dissertation Defenses
 - McMurtry thanked Greg Turner-Rahman for chairing this task force. Turner-Rahman said it was a group effort.
 - Legal Counsel is ok with the language as written by the committee.
 - Murdoch asked if non-committee members must leave the defense at a certain time, as it states in the new language. McMurtry said that is up to the committee.
 - Holyoke asked if this new language only pertains to the defense, not to the thesis/dissertation document. Answer: Yes.
 - Xing: Is there a requirement for an odd number on the committee? What if the vote is 2-2? Answer: No requirement for odd number. If vote is 2-2, the defense is failed because a majority did not vote in favor of passing.
 - Xing: Can a major professor fire a committee member? McMurtry: No. Student forms the committee, not the major professor. The student can ask a faculty to leave the committee.
 - McMurtry asked councilmembers to take this back to their faculty and bring their feedback to the next meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Curricular Items

1. Doctor of Athletic Training Changes
 - Philip Scruggs was there to answer questions about this and MSAT changes.
 - Add 12 credits to DAT.
 - Reineke moved to approve. Seconded by Holyoke.
 - Approved unanimously.
2. MS Athletic Training Changes
 - This is a change to the catalog language to more closely match language in certification documents.
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.
 - Approved unanimously.
3. M. Arch. Changes
 - Cleaning up catalog language.
 - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Holyoke.
 - Approved unanimously.
4. M.A. in English Changes
 - To change the Grace Nixon Summer Institute requirements.
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Reineke.
 - Approved unanimously.
5. M.A. TESL Changes
 - This is to put coursework prescriptive in catalog.
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Xing.
 - Approved unanimously.

B. Catalog Changes

1. Additional Language for Course Reservation Form
 - Add “non-degree” to course reservation language, rather than only “undergraduate.”
 - Holyoke moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.

C. Graduate Certificates

- McMurtry reminded Council that the new rules for graduate certificates will be in effect soon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Future Meetings:

November 11

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. (Pacific) in the Commons Crest.