

**Graduate Council Meeting Agenda
December 13, 2017 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
IRIC 321**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Ben Hunter		Alistair Smith
X	Esmael Alyami	X	Stacy Isenbarger		Fahmid Tousif
	Julie Amador - phone		Jill Johnson	X	Daniel Strawn
X	Dan Eveleth	X	Gordon Murdoch		Elowyn Yager - phone
X	Laura Holyoke - phone	X	Kelly Quinnett	X	Ata Zadehjol

Guests: Mark Warner, Brian Dulin, Rance Larsen, Polly Tohaneanu.

- I. Approval of the minutes from November 1, 2017
 - Eveleth moved to approve. Seconded by Murdoch.
 - Approved with 2 abstentions (Holyoke, Hunter)

- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. Clinical Faculty Follow-up from last meeting
 - McMurtry said the Clinical Faculty issue will be taken over by Faculty Affairs this Spring.
 - He asked for a volunteer from Graduate Council to attend Faculty Affairs meetings to discuss this issue and Graduate Council's concerns.
 - Warner offered to do this if it is allowable as a non-official member of Graduate Council. Eveleth is on Faculty Affairs and offered to serve in this role; although, he will no longer be on Graduate Council in Spring with the return of Jeff Bailey.

- III. Discussion
 - A. Student Petition (Dean of Students office)
 - Brian Dulin from Student Support Services attended to speak on behalf of the student.
 - Murdoch moves to decline the petition with the caveat that student stays here and receives disability services and completes the necessary course.
 - Quinnett and Strawn suggest student be allowed to stay in the program with a one semester deadline to successfully complete the course.
 - The petition is approved with a vote of 5:4 with the specific conditions that must be met to be allowed to stay in the graduate program.
 - B. Co-Major Professors
 - McMurtry said in the past, co-major professors were only allowed in M.A.T.
 - A few councilmembers expressed being in favor of allowing co-Major Professors.
 - McMurtry gave some recent examples:
 - Ph.D. student – the major professor has a Ph.D. and the co-MP does not. The MP and co-MP must, at a minimum, have the same degree that the student is trying to get.
 - Ph.D. student wanted a co-MP from BSU. MP/co-MP must have UI Graduate Faculty Status.
 - A clear policy is needed.

- This will be brought back to a future meeting.
- C. Thesis/Dissertation Statements
- Zadehgol recommended the words “and committee” be removed from the second sentence of the thesis definition.
 - Strawn said the dissertation statement is ready. He asked if it could be sent back to him for his faculty to review it.
 - The thesis/non-thesis parts need more work.
 - Members felt the non-thesis requirements need to be clarified; the exit requirement needs to be open enough to accommodate various programs.
 - Councilmembers were asked to take this back to their faculty for feedback.
- D. Pearson’s Academic English Test (Rance Larsen/Polly Tohaneanu – Grad Admissions)
- Rance Larsen and Polly Tohaneanu from Graduate Admissions attended the meeting to discuss the PTE Academic Test and ask Graduate Council to add this to the tests that are accepted for admission.
 - Tohaneanu explained that the test is 100% computerized; therefore, it is more widely available.
 - Questions/Answers:
 - Is it graded by computer?
--Yes.
 - Does Navitas have a conflict of interest with Pearson?
--Graduate Admissions does not believe there is a conflict.
 - Larsen suggested we accept a score of 58 on this test, which is about equivalent to a 6.5 on IELTS.
 - Proposal to accept the Pearson’s Academic English Test with a score of 58.
 - Eveleth moved to approve. Seconded by Zadehgol. Approved unanimously.
- E. New TA Processing Guidelines
- McMurtry asked members to take the TA document to their departments for feedback.
 - He is waiting for final numbers from the budget office.
- F. Continuous Registration Category of Enrollment
- McMurtry said this is happening more frequently across the US. He suggests UI adopt such a policy.

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Spring Meetings:

January 31

February 28

March 21

April 18

May 9

All meetings are on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 321.