

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2018 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
IRIC 321

X	Jerry McMurtry		Ben Hunter		
X	Ananth Jillepalli for GPSA	X	Jill Johnson	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
	Julie Amador - phone	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Daniel Strawn
X	Jeff Bailey		Kelly Quinnett		Elowyn Yager - phone
X	Laura Holyoke		Alistair Smith	X	Ata Zadehjol

- I. Approval of the minutes from April 18, 2018
 - Murdoch moved to approve. 2nd by Turner-Rahman.
 - Approved with 2 abstentions

- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. BYU-Idaho Meeting
 - McMurtry reported that he and CALS leadership/faculty met with the College of Ag at BYU. UI has not done a good job of recruiting grad students from there. They are low-hanging fruit.
 - There is a potential for setting up 3+2 programs.
 - Members were encouraged to take this information back to their colleges/departments and identify a person in the department to serve as a conduit.
 - McMurtry is happy to talk to faculty about this.
 - McMurtry and/or Marc Skinner are the points of contact.
 - B. AY 2017-18 COGS Petitions Report
 - A report of all COGS petitions was reviewed with councilmembers.
 - C. AY 2017-18 Graduate Admissions Petitions Report
 - Rance Larsen reviewed students who were admitted with a GPA lower than 3.0.
 - Bailey: do the 121 who were admitted with a lower GPA do as well as students admitted with 3.0+? Answer: that has not been analyzed.
 - D. 3-year Indian Degrees
 - GSSP was described as a pre-Master's program before the student matriculates into their degree program.
 - Graduate Admissions proposes to accept students with a 3-year degree from India into GSSP using WES methodology, if:
 - The degree was earned in first division/class.
 - The institution is rated A or higher by NAAC.
 - Degree being sought here is in the same field of study.
 - Of the peer institutions who responded, 5/8 said they use the WES methodology, and 3/8 do not accept a 3-year Indian degree without one additional year of extra post-baccalaureate coursework.
 - Turner-Rahman moved to approve using the methodology put forth by Graduate Admissions. Seconded by Holyoke. Approved unanimously.

- E. Terms Ending – Amador (1st term), Holyoke (1st term), Johnson (2nd term), Smith (1st term), Turner-Rahman (2nd term), Yager (1st term)
- McMurtry thanked outgoing members for their service.

III. Discussion

A. Instructors Serving on Graduate Committees

- GPSA put forth a proposal to allow instructors to serve on Ph.D. committees.
- Councilmembers were concerned that this could open the potential for someone with a Bachelor's degree to serve on a Ph.D. committee.
- This was tabled until Fall.

B. Student Petitions

1. Brant Miller – Student petition

- He wants to count all overage credits and finish his degree. He has remained engaged with university.
- Miller said he will work with him to finish up.
- Holyoke moved to approve. Johnson seconded.
- Approved with one abstention.

2. Laura Holyoke – Student petitions

a. Petitioning to use 24 overage credits.

- Count all 24 overage credits through Fall 2018.
- Jillepalli moved to approve. Seconded by Holyoke.
- Passed with one abstention.

b. Petitioning to extend the 5-year limit after the prelim exam.

- Approve the extension of the prelim exam through Fall 2018.
- Turner-Rahman moved to approve. Seconded by Johnson.
- Approved with one abstention.

Future Meetings:

Fall meeting dates TBD

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific)