

Graduate Faculty Council
Tuesday 9/4/07 4:00pm

1. Meeting started ~4:06 pm; in absence of President, meeting was facilitated by Huntoon & Tobias
2. Reviewed Minutes of 4/3/07; no corrections or additions were offered
3. Introduction of attendees
4. Function of GFC: Huntoon reviewed the overall purpose and function of GFC
5. Elections for '07-'08
 - President: Tobias read letter from '06-'07 Jason Keith; nominations opened - no volunteers; decided to proceed w/o a Pres. for this meeting
 - Secretary: GSC President Emily McCarthy volunteered; GFC accepted w/o objection
6. Old Business (Huntoon)
 - Last Term / Continuous Enrollment Policy: provided final copy of new policy which has been approved by the Senate and BOC
 - Graduate Tuition Support Pool: plz refer to eMail previously sent to GFC; funds are available on a first-come/first-served basis
 - Nanotechnology Certificate: this was approved by GFC at the 4/3/07 mtg. and is now pending approval at the Senate
 - Plan C MS degrees: would allow written exams ilo oral at Dept.'s discretion; this was approved by GFC at the 4/3/07 mtg. and is now pending approval at the Senate
 - Thesis Copying/ Copyright issues: Deb Charlesworth is working on this with the Library
 - Residency Requirements: Huntoon presented revised policy for approval; some discussion; Motion to accept by Auer, second by Flynn; Ahlborn friendly amendment to update URL's; motion passed unanimously; information will be passed on to Senate leadership for review.
7. New Business
 - Exceptions to Continuous Enrollment policy aka Picken's proposal (Huntoon): GFC is requested to review proposal with home Dept.'s and consider for next meeting ****Action Item****
 - Peace Corps Masters International (MI) in RTC (Waddell): Presentation on proposed program; plz refer to eMail sent to GFC; GFC is requested to review proposal with home Dept.'s and consider for next meeting ****Action Item****
8. Proposed Items for GFC consideration during '07-'08 school year (Huntoon)
 - Conditional Admits (including ESL)
 - Bologna Process Degrees (3-yr degrees and Master's Path program)
 - Dual Degrees
 - "Equivalent Experience" clause
 - Suspension and Dismissal policy
 - Grievance Policy & Process for Graduate Students
 - Role of GFC members
 - Tuition & Stipend Proposal being prepared for Executive Team; status briefly reviewed
 - GTA/GA assignment process
 - Review of Graduate Faculty
 - Review of Graduate Programs
 - Responsible Conduct of Research; Plagiarism
 - Thesis & Dissertation guidelines (Charlesworth): reviewed some proposed changes which are being worked on, including formatting & plagiarism; Huntoon discussed motivation; some questions & discussion; will come before GFC in the future as guidelines are developed
 - Language reqmts for PhD
 - Graduate Certificates
 - Undergrad Certificates
 - Sample Acceptance / Offer / Rejection letters
 - Recruiting / Yield / Retention issues
9. Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm

Attendance (Affiliation)

Jackie Huntoon (Grad School)
Nancy Byers-Sprague (Grad School)
Deb Charlesworth (Grad School)
Beth Flynn (Humanities)
Craig Friedrich (ME-EM)
Alex Mayer (Geology/Mining)
Patrick Martin (Social Sciences)
Rupak Rajachar (Biomed.)
Shekhar Joshi (Forestry)
Nancy Auer (Biology)
Jianping Dong (Math)
Tess Ahlborn (CEE)
Phil Merkey (CSERI)
Brian Davis (Technology)
Judith Perlinger (EPD2)
Craig Waddell (RTC)
David Tobias (GSC)
Emily McCarthy (GSC)