

Graduate Faculty Council

Tuesday 11/6/07 4:00pm

0) Meeting called to order ~4:05 pm

Attendees (16): Nancy Auer (pres and acting sec. Biology), Jackie Huntoon (Grad School), Nancy Byers-Sprague (Grad School), Beth Flynn (Humanities), Craig Friedrich (ME-EM), Patrick Martin (Social Sciences), Rupak Rajachar (Biomed.), Linda Nagel (Forestry), Jianping Dong (Math), Richard Honrath (CEE), Tess Ahlborn (CEE), Yuliya Strizhakova (Business), William Yaroch (ASE), Phil Merkey (CSERI), Brian Davis (Technology), Judith Perlinger (EPD2).

1) Reviewed Minutes of 10/2/07:

Tess A. made **motion** to accept minutes, Beth F. seconded, unanimous approval of minutes.

2) Old Business

a) Peace Corps Masters International (MI) in RTC requires no further input from the GFC. Nancy to write the Provost and ask that GFC be kept apprised of new options related to graduate degree program

b) Secretary position remains open.

3) New Business

a) Dual Degrees – Much discussion concerning dual degree program. Jackie H. will make changes to document and send out revised version to GFC and to Senate after making all changes requested by the GFC. Suggested that advisor must play big role in preparing degree schedule. Primary advisor is the one for the first degree. Question on transfer credits from another university addresses. More discussion on payment for credits used for second degree, who is responsible? Again suggestion that advisor communicate, research grad and research accts cover first 9 credits so should be directed at classes that support research and first degree option. Tess A. made **motion** to accept dual (second) degree proposal with changes suggested by GFC, Beth F. seconded, unanimous approval.

b) Master of Science in Applied Spatial Information Science - Quite a bit of discussion on this proposal. It seems several groups on campus could or need to be included in effort, need for many different people to have access to the technology. There is a great need for this type of degree. Jackie H. will set up a meeting with Ann Maclean and Scott Amos. William Y. proposed we table the discussion; Judith P. seconded and all unanimously approved.

c) Updates from Jackie H.

1) The Peace Corps Masters International (MI) in RTC proposal is with the Provost.

2) Nanotechnology certificate proposal is scheduled to go to the Senate this month.

3) The residence requirement has been posted to website

4) Discussion on need for course to address requirement by several granting agencies for training in responsible ethics in research for undergrads, grads and also professors. Rupak R. volunteered to join with Debra Charlesworth and Joanne Polzien in developing course outline.

5) Jackie mentioned Richard Honrath had developed a way to have graduate applications handled online for review within departments to allow for less paper handling and simultaneous reviews. Future date needed for Richard to demonstrate technology, there was interest shown by Wm Yaroch, Pat Martin and Nancy Auer to attend demonstration.

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 pm by Pat M. everyone seconded.

Items for next time:

Nancy to invite Jim Picken's to discuss the need for flexibility in how the university defines "full-time" status for graduate students because some programs, with highly structured curriculum, may need to require fewer than 9 credits in one or more terms

Reminder of **Proposed Items for GFC consideration during '07-'08 school year**
Are there any of high priority by GFC members?

Conditional Admits (including ESL)

Bologna Process Degrees (3-yr degrees and Master's Path program)

"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