

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2020

PRESENT: Jennifer Betters-Bubon, Christine Neddenriep, Kristen Curran, Abbie Daly, Corey Davis, Courtney DeVries, Lynn Gilbertson, SangHee Park, Denise Roseland, Balaji Sankaranarayanan, John Smith, Joanna Stradusky, Shannon Stuart, Donna Vosburgh, Sarah Hessenauer, Arjan Premti, Praveen Parboteeah, Karla Saeger, Courtney Luedke, Lopamudra Mukherjee, Liz Russo, and Jiazhen Zhou

ABSENT: Xueqing Chen, Beth King, Russ Kashian, Maxwell Hsu, Shannon Monson

GUESTS: Tamela Rocke, Abbie Windsor, Carol Elsen, Matt Vick, Heather Chermak, Brenda O'Beirne, Kate McNamera, Carrie Merino

PRESIDER: Joan Littlefield Cook

*Previously notified.

The September 3, 2020, meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Interim Associate Provost Joan Littlefield Cook. Jennifer Betters-Bubon made a motion to approve the May 7, 2020 minutes, Praveen Parboteeah approved. Motion passed

Announcements

- A. [Graduate Research Awards](#)
 - i. Funding more limited this year – Budgeted for \$350
 - ii. Applications due October 2
- B. Reminder to consult with other colleges when developing curricular proposals
- C. Departments thinking of developing new programs should reach out to Joan before beginning planning for guidance

Business Items

- A. *Determination of term length for Graduate Representative to the University Program Array Review Committee (UPARC)*

Corey Davis moved, with a second by Balaji Sankaranarayanan, to have a two-year term for the Graduate Representative to the University Program Array Review Committee (UPARC). The motion carried.

B. Approval of Graduate Representative to UPARC

Corey Davis moved, with a second by Balaji Sankaranarayanan, to open the floor to nominations for the Graduate UPARC Representative. Kris Curran nominated Corey Davis, with a second by Balaji Sankaranarayanan. The motion carried with one abstention from Corey Davis.

C. Approval of representatives on GPARC

Jennifer Betters-Bubon made a motion, with a second by Lynn Gilbertson, for the GPARC representatives to consist of a subcommittee of Graduate Council members with two representatives from each college and one at-large member.

Corey Davis made an amendment to the motion, adding that the one at-large representative for the GPARC does not have to be a Graduate Council member. Matt Vick, Lynn Gilbertson and Jennifer Betters-Bubon agreed to the amendment. The motion passed.

Kris Curran made a motion to give the GPARC representative a two-year term. With a second by Praveen Parboteeah, the motion passed.

Submit all nominations for the GPARC committee representatives to Matt Vick, Ruth Peterson or Joan Littlefield Cook.

Discussion Item

A. Students earning multiple master's degrees and "double counting" credits

Matt Vick asked council members to discuss what policy should be created for students double counting credits towards two degrees. He mentioned that COBE allows students to use up to 12 credits, but is willing to discuss a different policy.

Abbie Windsor told the council that program degrees are majors, and any student who was earning two of the same type of degrees (ie., MS Computer Science and MS Cybersecurity), would be earning one degree (MS) with two majors (Computer Science and Cybersecurity). There will be further discussion on what policy Graduate School will adopt for double counting credits.

B. Updates to CourseLeaf Forms

There will be a new version of CourseLeaf with new fields.

C. Graduate Audit and Review questions revision in light of undergraduate revision

Lynn Gilbertson made a motion, with a second from Jennifer Betters-Bubon, to delegate the task of revising the Graduate Audit and Review submission to the Graduate Audit Review Committee. Additionally, Audit and Review can invite others to assist with this task. The motion passed.

D. Graduate Outcomes Assessment Survey

- i. Do we want comments after every section?*
- ii. Do programs want 1-10 program specific questions?*

The Graduate Outcomes Assessment Survey discussion item was tabled until the October 2020 Graduate Council Meeting.

Other Items

2020 Graduate Teaching Award Recognition Dr. Carrie Merino-Counselor Education Department

Congratulations to Carrie Merino for being awarded the 2020 Graduate Teaching Award Recognition. Dr. Brenda O'Beirne and student, Kate McNamera spoke in behalf of Carrie.

Corey Davis moved to adjourn at 3:58 p.m. Praveen Parboteeah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Peterson
Secretary