

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019

220 Van Wormer Hall

Attendees: Quinn Ankrum, Flavia Bastos, Doug Burgess, Edson Cabalfin, Sandra Combs, Ron Debry, Gary Dick, Amy Fathman, Dan Gottlieb, JiuKuan Hao, James Mack, Stephen Mockabee, Chip Montrose, Olivier Parent, GA Rassati, Chris Sullivan, Jelena Vicic, Jun Ying

Absent: Tanja Nusser, Angela Potochnik

Staff: Catherine Smith

Agenda Items	Synopsis of Discussion	Outcome
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	Approval of November 27 minutes	The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.
<i>Graduate Faculty Policy</i>	<p>Suggested revisions (in bold):</p> <p>(1) The university graduate faculty shall include tenured track faculty with full time appointments, plus at the discretion of the department, non-tenured track faculty may be appointed...</p> <p>(b) Full time faculty eligible for graduate faculty shall have a demonstrated...</p> <p>(2) (b) Chair thesis and/or dissertation committees, (c) Have discussion, as appropriate about faculty being allowed to teach at a higher level, (d), (e), (f)</p> <p>(3) Candidates seeking appointment to the university graduate faculty must be nominated by the academic graduate programs with which they are affiliated following a peer review process by the academic program.</p> <p>(a)(i)...In making this determination the dean shall utilize the criteria in (B)(1)(a).</p>	Changes will be made by GA Rassati to the existing proposal, to be further considered by Grad Council
<i>English Proficiency Language in BOT rules</i>	Did not discuss.	To be discussed at next meeting.
<i>BOT rule plans</i>	Our Board of Trustees rules contain language and details that are increasingly irrelevant to how the University, the Graduate School, and our graduate programs need to operate (e.g. defining specific English proficiency tests, not accounting for faculty tracks that did not exist at the time rules were created, etc). One alternative is to move the responsibility for deciding all such details to our current hierarchy of Graduate Council and the Graduate School, and move all the current BOT specific rules to the policies under oversight by the grad school. In this setting, our current governance structure can make changes more nimbly and the BOT rules would be significantly simplified.	BOT rule revision was unanimously approved.

	<p>A vote was taken to give approval for pursuing this switch in text of the BOT rules related to the graduate school, to see if it can be accomplished.</p> <p>Separate discussion (and no vote taken) then occurred about the composition of Graduate council, embedded in the BOT rules. This would need to remain in the official BOT rules. Dean Montrose suggested two changes to be considered. First is to include a requirement to have been a recent grad program director so the individuals are aware of how programs run and what they need. Second is to change the composition of Grad Council to include equal representation among the college representatives, rather than 5 A&S positions.</p> <p>There would also need to be updates to the names of colleges and the Graduate Student Governance Association (which is becoming Graduate Student Government).</p>	
	<p><i>Next meeting February 26, 2019</i></p>	