

Graduate Council

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2015

130 McMicken Hall

Attendees: Gary Dick, Frank Gerner, Denise Gormley, Daniel Gottlieb, Connie Kendall Theado, Kevin Li, Annulla Linders, Suzanne Masterson, Fran Meyer, Therese Migraine-George, Arnie Miller, Margaret Hanson, Chip Montrose, Steve Cahn, Raj Bhatnagar, Xinhao Wang

Staff: Lori Griffin

Agenda Items	Synopsis of Discussion	Outcome
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the October 2015 meeting.	Approved
<i>MS in Biomedical Research</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented to the Council by Rashmi Hegde, College of Medicine• The goal for the program is to train lab scientists. The incoming pool is currently not optimal. The real need is researchers who are using the technologies of today.• Acute need for well-trained <u>bench</u> researchers.• This program offers lab oriented training. During lab portion, requirement of four days per week with essentially one-on-one training.• There is currently no publication requirement for the degree. Students will participate in journal club, similar to first year PhD students.• A requirement of the degree is that students will have to present and defend outcomes to a committee, much like a qualifying exam.• The program should highlight a capstone experience -- something that will help students integrate their knowledge, similar to a thesis• It was suggested by the Council that there be a letter of support from Children's Hospital.• The vote was unanimous to approve the program.	Discussion & Motion
<i>Potential for revisions to Graduate Program Review Approval Process and Graduate Council membership</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information was presented about a pending proposal to streamline program approval process so that Graduate Council the last university stop for program approval, including changes in curriculum, etc. Provost Office working with Faculty Senate.• Proposed composition changes for Graduate Council to have closer parallel structures for UG (Academic committee) and	Information item and Discussion

	<p>Grad (GC) approvals. Single representative from each college, and faculty senate reps, with consultants being called in as needed (e.g., Libraries, Registrar).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed that one Faculty Senate representative could help integrate information between Grad Council and Academic Committee if needed. • Important change – Proposed that voting GC members from colleges be current or former grad program directors. • If GC changes composition, considering having the informal Graduate Leadership Group be exclusively graduate associate deans. • Discussion about financials of new graduate programs and how they are approved. 	
<i>Grade Grievance Process</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the Graduate School Handbook says that grades are not grievable. Gary Dick, Tara Smith and Frank Gerner worked on a new grade grievance policy for review by the Grad Council. Information about the policy will be presented at the next meeting. • Discussion of whether qualifying/comprehensive exams should be grievable. Discussion that anything that is transcribed should be grievable. 	Discussion
<i>Next Meeting</i>	Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 220 Van Wormer. Lunch at noon, business meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m.	Information