

Graduate Council Minutes

April 21, 2017

Attendance: Emilia Alonso-Sameno, Tim Anderson, Ian Armstrong, Steve Bergmeier, Terry Cluse-Tolar, Natalie Daniels, Alex Hibbitt, Jennifer Horner, Janet Hulm, Chulho Jung, David Koonce, Jody Lamb, Krisanna Machtmes, Bose Maposa, Maria Modayil, Greg Newton, Shawn Ostermann, Ann Paulins, Joseph Shields, Gaurav Sinha, Spencer Smith, Gursel Suer, and Katherine Tadlock

Excused: Geoffrey Dabelko, Sonsoles DeLaCalle, Andrea Frohne, Pete Harrington, Brian McCarthy, Chris Moberg, Erik Ramsey, and Scott Smith.

Convened: The meeting was convened at 3:06 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 24, 2017 meeting

The minutes of the March 24, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Chair's Report, Steve Bergmeier

Steve thanked everyone for their service, especially Krisanna, Gursel, and Andrea whose terms are ending this year. Steve said that Gaurav will be on faculty leave for the next academic year and Maria will be the president of Graduate Student Senate for the next academic year.

He said that EPSA will revise the document on graduate faculty status and that Graduate Council will have an opportunity to review it.

Steve said that multiple programs reviews will be coming to Graduate Council in the fall.

3. Remarks by Joseph Shields, Dean of the Graduate College

Joe said that Ohio University nominee won the annual Distinguished Thesis Award competition conducted by the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools. Andra (Raisa) Ray was recognized at their annual meeting in April in Indianapolis. Joe said that she gave an impressive presentation. He said that Andra's win was mentioned in the Compass yesterday.

Joe commended the leadership of the Graduate Student Senate for their assertive and constructive approach. He said he is looking forward to next year.

4. Remarks by David Koonce, Associate Dean of the Graduate College

David informed members that application numbers still look good in a macro sense. He added that applications for online programs are staying strong, international application, however, are down by 12%.

Renee Fossett's last day of work at the Graduate College is today. She is moving to Kentucky and will be going back to school.

David said that testing updates have caused a delay in opening the OGA system. He added that it should be ready by the middle of next week.

5. Remarks by Katie Tadlock, Assistant Dean of the Graduate College

Katie said that the most recent changes announced by the Registrar's office regarding F and W grades will go into effect in fall 2017. Katie said that actions that constitute academic participation and its relationship to federal financial aid are the driving forces behind this change. Jen said that this information should be shared with students at orientation. Katie said that the Registrar's office is working with OIT to have a notification sent to students when they withdraw from a class. She added that Valerie Miller (Director, Financial Aid), can provide more information about this to Graduate Council.

Katie said that all faculty who are escorting a doctoral candidate should check in with the Graduate College.

Katie informed members about the changes in text regarding the capstone requirements for the PhD degree for the IIP (Appendix A). **Members voted in favor of accepting the language update to the IIP degree requirements.**

6. Report from the Curriculum Committee

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7. Report from Admissions and Recruitment Committee

Members discussed the conflict of interest cases that Gursel presented. Ann said that there is no conflict of interest between Timothy Binegar and the faculty he will be taking classes with. It was also noted that academic grievances would be handled through the Graduate College.

It was noted that TBS is an interdisciplinary program and faculty members are from multiple departments. Steve said that Kelly Nottingham's advisors are from the Cleveland Clinic and the School of Communication Studies. Kelly works for the Department of Family Medicine in the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Members voted in favor of accepting the recommendations of the committee.

8. New Business

Ian informed members about the March for Science that will be held tomorrow.

David informed the Council that Dr. Usha Matta was leaving at the end of the June. The council was unanimous in their concern, but wished Usha all the best going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Appendix A

Clarification of IIP capstone requirement language

Ph.D. requires dissertation – structure may vary by discipline and research.

Ph.D. - Graduation Requirements:

- 90 semester credits beyond the bachelor's degree: With at least four courses (12 credit hours) in each emphasis area.
 - At least 2 of these courses (6 credits) must provide depth of knowledge in the field and at least two of these courses (6 credit hours) must provide breadth of knowledge.
- Final project (dissertation, performance, etc.) acceptable to the Guidance Committee.
- Students must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA.
- Students should complete their coursework by the end of their third year of full-time study in the program or by the end of their fifth year of part-time study in the program, and their comprehensive examinations, if required by their participating programs, by the end of the semester following completion of coursework.
- Full-time doctoral students must present the results of their research or creative activities at an academic or professional conference by the end of their third year in the program, and should submit the results of their research or creative activities for peer review and publication to an appropriate journal or publishing house by the end of their fourth year in the program.
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Modified language:

- Successful completion and defense of a dissertation. The format and/or structure of the dissertation may vary by the student's academic discipline and research and must be acceptable to the Guidance Committee.