Graduate Faculty Council Minutes
April 24, 2018

Members Present: Judith Perlinger (Atmo Sci), Ebenezer Tumban, (Bio Sci), Feng Zhao (Bio Med), Mari Buche (Bus and Data Sci), Lei Pan (Chem Eng), Ashutosh Tiwari, (Chem, BMB), Veronica Webster (Civ Env Eng), Kelly Steelman (Cog &Learn Sci), Andrew Storer (Forestry), Leonard Bohmann (Mat Scie Eng), Craig Friedrich (Mech Eng), Kari Henquinet (Peace Corps), Melissa Baird (Soc Sci)

Guests Present: Pushpa Murthy (Grad Sch), Faith Morrison (Grad Sch), Mary Stevens (Grad Sch), Deb Charlesworth (Grad Sch), Apurva Baruah (GSG)

Approval of previous minutes
The April 3 minutes passed on a voice vote with no discussion.

Business before the University Senate
Deb announced the “Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal” 15-18 proposal was approved during the April 11 meeting.

The “Graduate Good Academic Standing and Dismissal” 16-18 proposal will be voted on during the April 25 meeting. Deb and Pushpa will attend the April 25 Senate meeting.

Announcement
1. Welcome Apurva Baruah! Apurva is a PhD student in Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics and he will be the new Graduate Student Government (GSG) President for the 2018-19 academic year.

2. Travel Grants (A. Baruah)
GSG annually provides approximately $40,000 to graduate students attending or presenting at conferences. Each student can receive $150 per year if they are attending a conference and $250 per year if they are presenting at a conference. Unfortunately, some students were not able to attend conferences due to insufficient funds and no support was given from their department. GSG requests departments to help students, especially PhD students that are not funded so they can present at a conference. GSG will be doing travel grant fundraising through Superior Ideas and the website will be announced late summer. Departments are encouraged to share it through social media and other sources.

3. Graduate Student Survey (P. Murthy)
Departments are asked to remind students to complete the graduate student survey by April 26.

Old Business
1. GRE scores (response form Graduate Directors)

Departments/Programs update on the use of GRE scores for admission decisions:
- Biological Sciences will not require GRE scores starting the Fall 2018 semester.
- Andrew will propose the Forestry Department no longer require the test. However, the admissions reviewer can requested the score or the student will be asked to take the test if they have not done so.
- Cognitive & Learning Sciences requires the score but eliminated the cut off and eliminated requiring Michigan Tech students who are above 3.0 GPA.
- Chemistry are waiving the requirement on a case-by-case situation.
- Biomedical Engineering will continue to require the GRE score.
- Chemical Engineering will require the score for international students, not domestic students.
- Physics will not require the score for domestic students and will not require from some international universities.
- Humanities will strongly recommend the score.
- Atmospheric Sciences will use the GRE score.
- Civil Engineering waive the score for Michigan Tech students but require it for all other applicants. They do not have a required minimum score. The department has discussed waiving it for ABET accredited institutions. The Environmental Engineering program requires the score.
- Mechanical Engineering will use the score and the department will discuss dropping it for domestic ABET accredited institutions.
- Electrical & Computer Engineering can waive the GRE score for MS admissions, but not PhD admissions.

Departments/Programs no update on the use of GRE score for admission decisions:
- Accounting
- Business and Economics
- Computational Science & Engineering
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Geological & Mining Engineering & Sciences
- Kinesiology
- Master of Science in Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mathematical Sciences
- School of Technology
- Social Sciences

The GRE score discussion will continue during the 2018-19 academic year.

The Graduate School is developing admissions dashboard reports for departments to be able to track applications in the 52 week cycle. They also will invite World Education Services (WES), www.wes.org/ to campus in September to do a seminar and train us on transcript evaluations. Departments will be invited to attend the training or attend Graduate School’s lunch ‘n learn sessions.

**New Business**

1. **Graduate Faculty status (D. Charlesworth, F. Morrison)**
   The Graduate School’s proposal modifies section 1.5.3 of the Faculty Handbook and defines and distinguishes between full and associate appointments to Graduate Faculty Status. The only difference between the appointments is the full appointment can be a sole-advisor to graduate students and an associate appointment cannot.

Tenure track faculty with/without terminal degree, emeriti, non-tenure track faculty with terminal degree can have either full appointment or associate appointment. Non-tenure track faculty without terminal degree is not generally eligible for full appointment. The Dean of the Graduate School may consider a full appointment to Graduate Faculty Status if they meet certain conditions.

An appeals process is added for changes or termination of Graduate Faculty Status. The decision was made to continue discussion of having a standing committee verses an ad hoc committee.

**Motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm.**