Graduate Faculty Council Minutes
January 22, 2019

Members Present: Joel Tuoriniemi (Acct), Mari Buche (Acct, App Nat Res, & Bus & Econ), Kelly Steelman (Cog Sci), Will Cantrell (Atmo Sci), Ebenezer Tumban (Bio Sci), Shiyue Fang (Chem), Jean Mayo (Comp Sci), Thomas Oomens (Comp Sci & Eng), Ben Ong (Data Sci), Alex Mayer (Env Eng), Ann Maclean (FSRES), Ramon Fonkoue (HU), Steve Elmer (KIP), Leonard Bohmann (MS Eng), Qiuying Sha (Math), Craig Friedrich (MEEM), Yoke Khin Yap (Physics), Eugene Levin (Sc of Tech)

Members Absent: Tarun Dam (BMB), Feng Zhao (Biomed), Veronica Webster (Civ & Env Eng), Julie King (Chem Eng), Mike Roggemann (Ele Comp Eng), Chad Deering (Geo Min Eng & Sci), Stephen Hackney (MSE), Kari Henquinet (PCorps), Chelsea Schelly (Soc Sci)

Guests Present: Alex Sergeyev (SoT), Jacque Smith (Grad Sch), Mary Stevens (Grad Sch), Deb Charlesworth (Grad Sch), Erin Matas (Library), Apurva Baruah (GSG), Dave Reed (RSP), Patricia Heiden (Senate)

Review and Reappointment of Graduate Dean (V. Webster)
Pushpa announced that Veronica is not able to attend the meeting and that Veronica will be contacting members on this issue.

Approval of December 11, 2018 minutes
A question was brought up about the accuracy of the statement that the Graduate School is accepting nominations for the GAEA. There was a brief discussion about the process. The December 11 minutes with the date corrected, passed on a voice vote.

Business before the University Senate (V. Webster)
The Senate will be reviewing the proposals to shelve EGR3, EGR5, EPD1, EPD3, EPD4, EPD5, and EPD6 meeting. The Dean will attend the January 23 meeting.

Updates from the Dean (P. Murthy)
• The Graduate School received a Graduate Student Handbook from all programs.
• The Graduate School has created two awards to acknowledge innovative efforts by faculty and programs to enhance graduate programs. Departments will receive an announcement next week and awardees will be recognized at the Graduate Research Colloquium held March 28, 2019.
  The categories are:
  o Innovations in Enhancing Graduate Student Success
  o Innovations in Graduate Recruitment and Enrollment
  ACTION ITEM: The Graduate School will announce the call for nominations Monday, January 28, 2019.
  UPDATE: The Graduate School made the announcement Tuesday, January 29, 2019.
• A new admissions dashboard will be discussed at the February 5 meeting. This resource
will be available to all deans, chairs, and graduate faculty directors to help with recruiting. The dashboard displays the 52 week cycle of our admissions starting the 1st week of the fall semester and allows users to sort many categories to filter specific groupings needed.

- Jacque and Ashli will be holding Zoom meetings with accepted students starting the end of February. They will start with domestic students and then with Indian students. Programs interested in participating can join to give program specific information.
- Departments are encouraged to contact incomplete applicants. Let Jacque know if assistance is needed with getting the list of students to contact.

Old Business


- The certificate was discussed at the December meeting and the proposal was updated based on comments and suggestions.
  - Course EE5310 was changed to EE5315.
  - A statement had been added to section 9 “courses below the 4000 level are not acceptable”.
  - Section 11 includes “must complete two electives”.
  - Section 18 HLC assessment subsection was changed to sections 3 and 4.

The certificate was approved on a voice vote with no additional discussion.

New Proposals for Master of Science and Graduate Certificate in Mechatronics (A. Sergeyev), School of Technology

- GFC continued discussion of the Master of Science and Graduate Certificate proposals.
- There were concerns with the thesis and report options and the internship path component as proposed.
- Discussion will continue at the February 5 meeting.

Changes to Senate Policy on Graduate Certificates (411.1) (W. Cantrell)

- The proposal for the changes was reviewed and discussed.
- The group discussed if credits that are double counted to satisfy the BS and accelerated MS program be allowed.
- The credits for accelerated Masters was a particular point of discussion.
- Discussion will continue at the February 5 meeting.

Adjourn 5:03