

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2016

SURC 137; 3-5:00

In attendance: Archer, Kevin; Benson, Kelly; Claridge, Amy (representing FCS) Dormady, Jason; Gabriel, Kara; Ge, Yingbin; Haviland, Liz; Lubinski, Pat; Lupton, Natalie; Mattinson, Chris; Portlese, Laura; Robison, Stephen; Robinson, Scott; Sheeran, Lori; Snedeker, Jeff; Spybrook, Janet; Stoddard, Cody; Szilard, Vajda (representing Computational Science); Walker, Sharryn

Guests: Aviation faculty: Cathy Bushe, Raj Nataraja and Jason Underhill. English faculty: George Drake, Josh Welsh and Kathy Whitcomb.

1. Approval of 3-7-16 minutes: approved

2. Announcements: none

3. Committee Reports:

- A. Graduate Dean, Dean Archer: It is budget season and the Graduate School is in for a 1% cut right now however, the interim Provost is in support of us and hopefully we won't have to take that cut and he also encourages us to ask for a budget increase. Please be involved in the current Provost search because we need a Provost that understands the role of the Graduate School. Three budget priorities: 1. Raise the stipend to \$10,500 across the board for a general assistantship and create a new category of research assistantships and the stipend would be \$12,500. 2. More funds for internal seed grants and awards. He has created a new category for teaching and creating new programs. 3. Staffing issues and funding more positions with Human Subjects, Graduate School's office due to increasing enrollment. Kevin visited Bangladesh, India and Nepal on a recruitment trip and the students are interested in master's degrees and we need a brand to sell to these countries. A question was asked if there will there be more non-resident tuition waivers? Very unlikely at this point. The current issues with tuition waivers: Increasing enrollment, growing number of non-resident students, not being able to attain residency, the decision of the Dean to fund 2nd year out of state student who did not obtain residency and fixed waiver pool. What is he doing about it: 1. There is a way for programs to buy waivers by shifting of funds 2. Lowering graduate tuition because we are not under law to ask the state to lower graduate tuition 3. Asking for more of a portion of the waiver pool.
- B. Associate Dean, Natalie Lupton: Reminder about the ceremony and some common questions we are being asked. We will have the link about the hooding ceremony on the Graduate School website. We are seeking a master's student to speak at commencement and if you have someone in mind please contact Natalie. Graduate Student Association needs a treasurer so that they can be recognized as a club. A reminder of the open positions for the Executive council per the GC bylaws with nominations in May with a vote in June. Open positions: Chair of GC (2 year term), chair of Curriculum committee and an interim chair for Academic Standards committee. The International Programs and Sherri Fujita is getting all the literature, info and criteria polished so that we are ready to offer the conditional admission program to graduate students as well as the international scholarship/waiver application.

- C. Curriculum committee: Janet Spybrook: English spoke about their proposal for the MA, Online Professional and Creative Writing degree. The English program was approved with one 1 abstaining. Aviation spoke about their proposal for the MS, Aviation and 2 specializations. The Aviation core and both specializations were approved. Family & Consumer Sciences spoke about the change in name of their program from Family Studies to a standalone program of Family and Child Life. The Family/Child Life program was approved with 1 abstaining.
- D. Academic Standards committee: no report
- E. Procedures Committee: Henry Williams: no report
- F. Executive Committee: Scott Robinson- no report
- G. Old Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM