

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2016

SURC 301; 3-5:00

In attendance: Abdalla, Laila; Andonie, Razvan; Archer, Kevin; Benson, Kelly; Bouillon, Marvin; D'Acquisto, Leo; Dormady, Jason; Gabriel, Kara; Ge, Yingbin; Haviland, Liz; Irwin, Jason; Lubinski, Pat; Lupton, Natalie; Olson, Darren; Portlese, Laura; Robinson, Scott; Roemer, Karen; Sheeran, Lori; Snedeker, Jeff; Spybrook, Janet; Stoddard, Cody; Walker, Sharryn; Williams, Henry

1. Approval of 4-4-16 minutes: approved

2. Announcements: none

3. Committee Reports:

A. Graduate Dean, Kevin Archer: 1. Nominations for the Distinguished Thesis Award are due by May 23 for consideration to Dawn please. 2. Budget: Graduate School is an overhead unit and our budget is supposed to be cut potentially 1% but not completely sure. However, the interim Provost said he supports the Graduate School and will hopefully back fill that cut. We may need to make the case to keep programs that may have low enrollment and are not growing to the new Provost because they are going to be looking at enrollment numbers. 3. The new Associate Provost will be completing some sort of assessment of our graduate programs due to accreditation. 4. We may be lowering graduate tuition for the 2017 academic year. However, lowering graduate tuition also lowers our waiver pool.

B: Associate Dean, Natalie Lupton: We have students signed up for the hooding ceremony and the deadline is May 23 to sign up for hooding and commencement. The preparations are coming together and we have already met with photographers in the Music Building. More info will be given at the June meeting as well as an email will be sent out to students and faculty as we get closer. We will not have the final number until May 24. We had 2 student speaker nominations: Caitlin Stave and Zack McCarley. The GSA was recognized as an official club and they are recruiting for the positions within the club. GSA is planning a BBQ on June 4 at Kiwanis park.

C: Academic Standard committee: no report

D: Curriculum Committee: English and Aviation programs were approved and moved forward in Curriculog.

E. Procedures committee: Reviewed 20 applications and they are reviewing the Graduate Committee form for possible changes and possible policy change requiring 3 faculty members for a thesis/project/exam committees.

4. New Business: Seeking a new Graduate Council Chair, Curriculum Committee chair and interim Academic Standards Chair. A vote for new the positions will be held on June 6.

*Laura Portlese and Yingbin Ge have been nominated for the Graduate Council chair position

*Jeff Snedeker was nominated for the Curriculum Committee chair position. However, there is an election in his dept for an associate chair and he may not be the Music Program Coordinator depending on the outcome of that election.

*Yingbin Ge was nominating himself for the interim Academic Standards position depending on the outcome of the GC chair election.