

## University Graduate Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sherrick 103

### **Council in Attendance:**

Alan Dyer, *Chair* (Agriculture)  
Melissa Ragain (Arts)  
Anne Christensen (Business)  
W. Randall Babbitt (Faculty Senate)  
Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)  
Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

John Borkowski, *Vice Chair* (Sciences)  
Theodore Lipfert (Arts)  
Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)  
Timothy LeCain (Letters)  
Arthur Bangert (Education)

### **Also in Attendance:**

Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)  
Matt Rognlie (IT Director, Agriculture)

Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

### **Absent:**

Mary Miles (Health & Human Development)

Geraldine Govaerts (International Programs)

- **Meeting started at 1:05 p.m.**
- **March 18, 2015 minutes**
  - Chair Dyer called for motion to approve UGC minutes from last meeting
    - Council member Babbitt motioned, council member Lipfert second
    - Unanimous approval
- **Announcements**
  - Videoconferencing Technology Requests (Matt Rognlie)
    - College of Agriculture & College of Nursing have 95% of videoconferencing technology on campus
    - Students requesting use of these services are not giving enough lead time
    - Colleges are requesting a 2-4 week notice from students for these services
    - Make the term “videoconference” more ambiguous
      - Definition is very specific and means something to IT personnel setting it up for student exams/defenses; change to “two-way audio + video connection”?
    - Policy & Procedures Committee will work with Rognlie to revise/add language
- **Old Business**
  - Change in Grading Method for 590/690 Credits (discussion)
    - Council member Lipfert: Film Department feels ambivalent; there is no reason to introduce a new grading method (i.e.: traditional grading)
    - Council member Borkowski: Statistics Department likes the “N” grade, but is not supportive of traditional grades
    - **Motion:** Chair Dyer called for motion to change to P/N/F, but “N” is optional
      - Council member Babbitt motioned, council member Ragain second
      - Unanimous approval



- Add applicable categories from the GTA Evaluation form
- Form is required for College of Business graduate students
- Policy & Procedures Committee will revise with comments from council and will post to Knox for review, but will not be shared with the campus at large
- Graduate Representative/Videoconferencing Policy Revisions
  - Second revised versions were sent to committee for review and recommendations
  - Reminder: Students always can appeal a policy with The Graduate School
  - **Motion:** Chair Dyer called for a motion to have these policies voted on via email
    - Council member Lipfert motioned, council member Borkowski second
    - Unanimous approval
- Governance Committee
  - Revised By-Laws: Faculty Senate Member as Voting Member
    - A decision is needed from council
    - Chair Dyer advises council to have a discussion
    - Dean Hoo does not want a vote because UGC is her advising body; it is important she remain a non-voting ex-officio member
    - Suggestion: Governance Committee should form a list of pros/cons to present to council
    - Faculty Senate member voting can create imbalance and an impression that UGC is not independent of Faculty Senate
- **Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**