

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

Tuesday Sept 26, 2017

2 – 3 p.m.

Wilson 2-257

Council in Attendance:

Dennis Aig (Arts)

John Borkowski (Sciences)

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Robert Rydell (Letters)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)

Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Also in Attendance:

Joshua Meyer (alternate Student Representative)

Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)

Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

Megan Prettyman (International Programs)

Absent:

Tena Versland (Education)

Meeting started at 2:00 pm

**September 12, 2017 minutes**

- Livingston Moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

**Announcements**

- **Welcome new student members: Kathryn Bills (Earth Sciences) and Joshua Meyer (Education; alternate)**
- **Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock)**
  - New graduate courses approved by curriculum steering committee
  - RIDE (regional initiatives in dental education) Dental graduate program (in coordination with University of Washington) to create a dental student training program addressing dental care access in Montana
- **Accreditation: Office of the Provost (guest Tamela Eitle, Interim Assoc. Provost)**
  - Last full accreditation report was 2009; current visit planned for Oct 16-18, 2017
  - Core themes are major focus, which is the same as MSU's strategic goals (email from President's Office today emphasized this)
  - Accreditors will be on campus and can speak to anyone; Dr. Eitle feels visitors will want to meet with UGC
- 8 accreditors will visit campus and most are not faculty, more administrative
  - MSU's self-study posted online; accreditors will review self-study
- Self-study addresses graduate education in certain "standards" (2 and 4) in report
  - Standard 2: Learning – program admissions, degree requirements, graduate appointments, and so forth

- Standard 4. Discovery – learning outcomes, new courses, improvements and so forth
- Self-study missing a lot of information from graduate programs. Programs have not submitted information to be included in the self-study even while these same departments reported 100% information for their undergraduate programs

### Old Business

- **Graduate Faculty Status (Borkowski)**
  - Dean Hoo shares preamble from policy proposal which explains why campus should support Graduate Faculty Status (GFS) at MSU: GFS is a way to recognize that community of faculty guide graduate students to advanced degrees
  - Q: Are all faculty (including adjunct, NTT, affiliate, emeritus) eligible to have Grad Faculty Status?
    - Yes. There are legal issues to work through, but that is the idea. NTT faculty will be addressed in policy proposal draft.
  - Q: Is there general support from members of UGC for the idea of Graduate Faculty status?
    - Architecture: numerous complicated faculty appointments make idea of GFS confusing for their department; for T/TT faculty, GFS is perceived as straightforward
    - Film: reception to GFS at faculty meeting was not very positive because employ so many NTT who have variety of backgrounds (and degrees) with such varied responsibilities within the program
    - Business: similar to A&A, single master's degree and lots of NTT faculty who don't serve on committees; expect most are indifferent to idea
      - Was GFS addressed in workload task force?
      - Babcock: yes, it was discussed
    - Nursing: CoN T/TT faculty likely supportive of idea and would not change responsibilities; as long as there is some mechanism to have NTT be appointed to graduate committees, NTT faculty would also likely be supportive; if GFS increases visibility of role of faculty to support grad education, is a worthy goal
  - Note: Faculty Handbook does not include language re: GFS
  - Dean Hoo reads GFS policy proposal to UGC; Legal was consulted on some salient points of the current draft of the proposal
    - Q: Will all T/TT faculty be granted GFS initially? Is there a review?
      - All T/TT will be appointed initially unless a department head does not support a certain appointment, or a T/TT faculty notifies the GS that they opt out
      - FS Babcock will provide some input on this draft prior to circulation among UGC
      - Revised draft will be sent to UGC; Chair Borkowski and Dean Hoo ask UGC to share with their deans; UGC Chair and Dean Hoo would like to meet with the college deans

Adjourned at 3 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting – Oct 17 at 2 p.m.