

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 1, 2014

The Graduate Council met at 8:00am in 129 Hines with the following members present: Arnbrust, Byerly (ex officio), Chance, Day, Dow, Eades, Keiso, Marks, Matthews, McKinnitt, Nardo, and Reeve (ex officio). Absent members were Fitch, Mary, Garner, and Snivey.

### Minutes

The minutes from March 20, 2014 were unanimously approved by the Council. Dr. Day, seconded by Dr. Keiso.

### Dean's Report

Dow was recognized for his service to the Graduate Council for 2014-2015.

### Academic Affairs Report

No report.

### Chairs Report

No report.

### Routine Business

#### Subcommittee Reports

##### Graduate Council Membership

Nardo discussed the Graduate Council membership committee. Nardo, Keiso, and Byerly composed the subcommittee. The charge to the subcommittee was to comment on two recent resolutions of the Senate regarding the composition and reorganization of the Graduate Council membership to that of a three-college body.

The Graduate Council subcommittee recommends that the Council respond to the Senate's resolutions by adopting revisions to its by-laws based on the following:

- (1) The dean's advisory body of each college will advise the dean on recommendations for appointment to the Graduate Council. The mechanism for providing this advice will vary from college to college.
- (2) Each college will identify two faculty members who serve as an advisory member for the Graduate Council.
- (3) The three colleges that produce the largest number of graduate degrees will

(4) At the discretion of the Graduate Council, the participation of observers may be regulated or lack of participation may be recognized.

(5) The Chair will be elected for the term of one year and may be re-elected for a second year.

Specific recommendations were posted on the Graduate Council website. The subcommittee will meet on 11/17/10 and seconded and the motion was passed. The subcommittee will meet on 11/18/10 and send recommendations to Academic Affairs.

### Skype Exams

Kelso indicated that the current policy is to allow a committee member to Skype in during a student's exam. The subcommittee will meet to develop guidelines that do not require permits. The subcommittee will meet on 11/18/10 and send recommendations to Academic Affairs.

### Old Business

#### New Business

#### Graduate Minor in Wetland Science and Management

The Departments of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences and Environmental and Estuarine Science proposed adding two courses to the graduate minor in Wetland Science and Management. This change will allow students additional courses to complete the minor. The subcommittee will meet on 11/18/10 and approve changes. Now seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### Graduate Minor in Renewable Natural Resources

Renewable Natural Resources proposed changing the name of the minor from Fisheries, and Aquaculture to a minor in Renewable Natural Resources. The change would match the current degree title. The proposal was amended to remove the suggestion that the minor be added to the thesis or dissertation title page. Day mentioned to approve the amended changes. Matthews seconded, and the motion was approved.

### Executive Session

#### Standing Committee reports

Promotion and Tenure Committee: No report.

Graduate Faculty: Matthews presented the council with 25 graduate faculty nominations that need a council approval. The subcommittee has 23 remaining nominations. The subcommittee has requested additional information from the nominating departments.

Information

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Awards Comm

The meeting will

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