

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2017

The Graduate Council met at 2:20 pm in 126 Wilson Hall with the following members present: Adams, de Queiroz, Francis, Frick, Gansic, Hussencloer, Lane (ex-officio), Lindsay, Lockard, Marchand, Massé (ex-officio), Page, Perry, Pojman, and Sharky.

Absent members were Brockway, Day, Givens, Lee (ex-officio), and Mason.

Minutes of November 30, 2017

Pojman asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from the November 30, 2017 meeting. Minutes were motioned for approval by a unanimous vote and minutes were accepted unopposed.

Interim Vice Provost's Report

Massé thanked everyone for their services for the semester and a huge thank you to everyone.

Academic Affairs' Report

No report.

Chair's Report

Pojman suggested using Moodle as a means of emailing everyone. Massé stated it may not be the best method considering facing opposition from the faculty. Pojman suggested using personal email accounts. Pojman also thanked everyone for their cooperation during the semester.

New Business

Letter of Intent for New Ph.D. Program in Statistics

Dr. Luis Escobar visited the committee to discuss his proposal for a new experimental statistics program. The doctoral degree will be offered through the Department of Experimental Statistics at the College of Agriculture. Escobar addressed questions previously asked by council members. Escobar stated that there were enough faculty to teach a new course associated with his proposal. Due to the high interest in this program, the faculty are willing to sacrifice during the work. Escobar continued, saying the program was approved by the Board of Supervisors several years ago; however, it was never implemented. Escobar went on to explain the importance of the program. It provides students with a dual experience where they cannot obtain elsewhere. Escobar is expecting some faculty members to be Ph.D. in Mathematics to assist with the new program. Adams asked if there were any potential opportunities appropriate for a dissertation and thesis. Escobar replied there are currently not any, but funds allocated for research. Escobar noted several faculty members have received various awards for their research efforts.

While deliberating, several council members stated the level offered in the degree was the number of course hours required. Marchand expressed concern about the size of the graduate faculty and their ability to teach the number of courses. Givens stated that some faculty members may need different required courses, how will the department expect to handle this? Some council members stated some teachers could teach two courses because they are not teaching more than one course. Adams pointed out that it not being a unanimous vote by the faculty could signal internal conflict for the faculty and water down the coursework.

Old BusinessReview of Commentary on Research Policy Changes

- Remote Participation Policy revised 2/7/17
 - Gansler took suggestions submitted by student participants to permission to participate remotely
 - Massé asked that it clearly show any departmental committee that the Dean's Representative notes that changes were circulated electronically for review
- Faculty take Policy meeting
 - Frick presented administrative review, Lockwood motion management
- Dean's Representative
 - Perry stated the final changes. A new representative primary representative to department's handbook

Standing Committee Reports

- Promotion/Tenure: Frick presented get files for review soon.
- Awards: Law Commission and the 78 FEA proposals and to
- Grad Faculty: Adams presented
- Graduate Council: Webpage: Adams volunteered. Adams will write
- Bylaws: Massé introduced

Next item:

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05 pm

