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LSU GRADUATE COUNCIL

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Francis (Chair), Richardson (ex-officio), Wicks (ex-officio), Lee (ex-officio), Adams, Chance, Cai, Francis, Erick, Ganala, Huseroder, Lindsay, Barry, DiCicco, Bojmas, Seifried, and S. J. Perry.

The following members were absent: de Queiroz & Ranbui.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

Chair's Report

- Lee & Adams announced they would accept their nominations for the 2019-2020 chair and vice chair.

Interim Dean's Report

- L. C. O'Connell, Interim Dean, reported a productive discussion, all parties agreed the Connaerges would advise online graduate students, some departments will have courses, will also have departments acceptative of the department.
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting: the faculty will have a resolution to have elections to select members. He will announce the results at the next meeting.
- Wicks reported that she received over 700 responses from graduate students on the Climate Survey. The final report will give insight into the type of workshops, services, and programs graduate students need.

Academic Affairs' Report

- No Report.

Old Business

Curriculum Change: Physics

- SUNGBOOK PARK, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, proposed a change in credit hours for the physics program. He stated that the proposed change in credit hours still meets SACSCOC requirements and is common within the college and peer institutions. The faculty recognizes the current uneven student faculty ratio, but this change will allow students to concentrate more on research.
- After a brief discussion, P. Cecil made a motion to approve the proposal, Francis seconded it, and the motion passed with one abstention.

Dissertation Policy

- Richardson explained the motion to approve the revised version of the motion. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

New Business

Curriculum Changes: M.S. in Entomology & Ph.D. in Entomology

- Jeffery, professor in the Entomology department, discussed the proposed changes for both programs. The department would like to modernize both curricula and place more of a focus on research. The department benefits the M.S. by providing students more flexibility. The Ph.D. will allow students the opportunity to take required upper-level courses and the time to focus on their dissertation.
- Davis entertained questions. Gansle suggested fixing the broken web link in the proposal.
- Gansle moved to approve the M.S. and Ph.D. Entomology proposals, seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Letter of Intent: M.S. in Financial Economics

- Cliff Stephens, Director of Graduate Studies, presented to members of the Department of Finance's letter of intent for the M.S. in Financial Economics. This program, offered jointly by the departments of Finance and Economics, will provide both the M.S. and Ph.D. M.S. degrees. The program will provide a better experience and more rigorous training for students.
- Stephens answered questions from members. Gansle asked if the combined degree when there is currently none. Stephens stated it was a challenge, but unable to guarantee an increase in demand. Chance added that the degree could enhance the brand of the university. Gansle asked if the concurrent degree program was active. Stephens stated it was currently inactive and unsure if it would become inactive.
- Adams moved to approve the letter of intent. Seifried seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Curriculum Change: MSW in Social Work

- Elaine Maccio, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, presented a proposal to eliminate the requirement for a non-thesis option. The department would like to have a thesis option to be comparable to peer institutions. Perry moved to approve the proposal, Lindau seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.

Committee Changes: Undergraduate Music Theory

- Jeff Perry spoke about the M.M. & Ph.D. in Music Theory. The Graduate Council previously approved the M.M. & Ph.D. in Music Theory. The M.M. & Ph.D. in Music Theory was added to the M.M. & Ph.D. in Music Theory.
- Gangle motioned to approve the proposal, which was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Promotions:** 17 Tenure: Finance, etc. The committee has approved the case.
- **Graduate Faculty:** de Queiroz, etc.
- **Awards:** Pojman, etc. The committee has approved the Distinguished Dissertation Awards.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Commons Room 100