

Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Senate
October 24, 2017

In attendance:

Amy DeClue, Royce Barondes, Jeni Hart, Carlos Wexler, Ashley Siebenaler, Azlin Mustapha, Laura McCann, Steve Whitney, Cheryl Offutt, Alan Parish, Jill Kanaley, Lynda Kraxberger, Rajiv Mohan, Sanda Erdelez for Rose Marra, Keith Greenwood, Karl Hammond, Sue Boren, Johanna Kramer

Meeting called to order at 3:30

Agenda was modified to move item 5aii2 to the 1st item to discuss because Dr. Hart had to leave early. Motion was moved and carried.

Agenda:

5aiii2 – Discussion of member at large role(s) as GFS representative in Faculty Council (Amy DeClue)

Amy is able to attend Faculty Council meetings, but would not be able to be on the Council mailing list because she is not an elected member. The Senate discussed how to best proceed and communicate with Faculty Council, particularly regarding any decisions that are made that will affect graduate studies. Amy will continue to attend the Faculty Council meetings and ongoing discussion about the relationship with Council will continue.

As part of the discussion, Senate also asked for clarification on the role of the member at large. The role of member at large is to serve on the Executive Committee of the Senate; the member is elected by the Graduate Faculty Senate to provide additional representation and support to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Wexler met recently with Faculty Council Past-President Ben Trachtenberg. Faculty Council is considering a name change to be more consistent with faculty governance groups throughout the system and nationally. They are interested in becoming Faculty Senate and wanted to solicit feedback from GFS about the implications of this. They believe that for this to be viable for a faculty vote, GFS would need to consider a name change as well to avoid confusion. A brief discussion resulted in no final resolution and there was some interest in waiting to see if a faculty vote would be in favor of the name change for Faculty Council. This item will be discussed again at a future GFS meeting.

4 – minutes from last meeting

Motioned for approval and carried

5i-Approval of any new course requests

77 courses up for vote, all approved by AAC.

Courses in question have been sent back to the individual proposing the course and/or changes; Dr. Mustapha is waiting to hear back from these authors.

Title changes have been made and back for approval

Courses considered at a previous GFS meeting have been amended according to GFS recommendations. These data science classes 7001 and 7000 have now been approved.

A motion was made to approve all course requests and changes, seconded, and carried.

5ii – New Programs and program changes

1. Interactive Media Graduate Certificate: Cathy Hodges & Dr. Earnest L. Perry, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies at the Missouri School of Journalism attended to explain the certificate and answer GFS questions.

Concerns were raised about the certificate name and its similarity to a digital media program in SISLT. The primary concern was that the proposed name was too broad, and that course is needed but should be more defined. Senators suggested that if the certificate is approved, they should work with Mizzou Online to ensure that the program is well-defined so that there is no confusion with the SISLT program.

A related concern was that the program title and its location in Journalism might be confusing for other departments wanting to also offer certificates or a degree program in digital media.

A question emerged regarding whether programs can be crossed referenced with other similar programs.

The proposed certificate is added to an already existing program in Journalism with the same name. Senators noted that the program title should be in Journalism because of the existing approved program in Journalism.

The AAC questioned credit hours required for the certificate (15 instead of 12). There is no maximum number of credit hours for certificate programs. Many existing programs are greater than 12 credit hours.

Discussion has been tabled until next meeting.

Postponed from the Sept 26th meeting

Agenda item 7ii-1

Revised Doctoral Faculty criteria for Human Environmental Sciences

The Senate discussed the revised HES doctoral faculty membership policy

The primary changes in the policy are:

- Less specificity for achievements in research
- Requirement of a doctoral degree
- Additional general requirements

There was a motion to approve, which was seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.