Graduate Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Amy Rhea (staff support), Enid Schatz, Erin Robinson, John Kerns, Paul Ladehoff, John Frymire, Jeff Wood, Ashley Siebenaler, Jacqueline Limberg, Jessica Osaze, Yi Shang, Maria Fidalgo, Matt Easter, Julie Miller, Cristina Mislan, Chi-Ren Shyu, David Beversdorf, Leslie Lyons, Peter Pivovarov as proxy for Dan Edidin

1. Call to order at 10:31am by Shyu
2. Acceptance of the agenda
   a. Motion to approve by Frymire
   b. Seconded by Ladehoff
   c. Approved unanimously
3. Approval of minutes of April 2024 meeting
   a. Motion to approve by Beversdorf
   b. Seconded by Ladehoff
   c. Approved unanimously
4. Election of the at-large senator
   a. Erin Robinson nominated
   b. Approved unanimously
5. Standing Committee Assignments
   a. Awards: Kerns, Ladehoff, Limberg
   b. Academic Affairs: Wood, Miller, Mislan, Lyons
   c. Policy: Beversdorf, Easter, Fidalgo, Osaze, Frymire
   d. Non-affiliated senators will be assigned a committee.
6. Committee Reports:
   a. Academic Affairs – Prof. Julie Miller, chair
      i. Course Approvals – changes to existing (edited) and new (added) courses
      Appendix I
         a. Motion to approve made in committee and requires no second
         b. Approved unanimously
      ii. Program Approvals and Program Change (edited) Proposals
      Appendix II
         a. Motiona to approve made by committee and requires no second
         b. Approved unanimously
      iii. Program Proposals
      Appendix III
      Presentations for new program proposals

      a. PhD in Informatics with Emphasis in Geospatial Informatics
- Courses already created
- Emphasis areas are recorded on the transcript but not the diploma

      b. Neural Engineering
- MS in Electrical Engineering with Emphasis in Neural Engineering
- MS in Computer Science with Emphasis in Neural Engineering
- MS in Computer Engineering with Emphasis in Neural Engineering
- None of these will interfere with Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program, and in fact could feed into the INP PhD program
- Programs need to have 36 hours (rather than 30 hours) to have an emphasis area

      c. MLIS in Library and Information Science with Emphasis in Health and Medical Librarianship
- Reviving this program – it had been deactivated for a while
- All courses already on the books, both in and outside of the department
- Area of high need in the industry

  b. Awards – Prof. John Kerns, chair
    i. Dissertation, Thesis, and Faculty Mentor Awards due Nov 1
    ii. GTA and GRA nominations call will go out in the spring

  c. Policy – Prof. Maria Fidalgo, chair
    i. Will meet 2 times a month
    ii. Use of AI in research is a high priority at this time

7. Special presentation: HLC Accreditation -- Carrie Nicholson, Senior Director, Office of the Provost
   a. Accreditation is needed for federal financial aid and transfer credits
   b. Runs on a ten-year cycle (so next reaccreditation process would be in 2034-2035)
   c. Mock site visit is on Nov 6-7
   d. Actual site visit is on Feb 3-4, 2025
   e. Senators should prepare for questions from visitors

8. Report: Graduate Professional Council – Ms. Jessica Osaze, GPC Representative
   a. Complaints process, suggesting going through GPC before being brought to GFS

9. Report: Graduate School – Prof. Jeni Hart, Dean of Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Studies
   a. Our AI Fellow is Ashlie Lester
   b. New policies are now in effect for FS 2024 and are on the website

10. Brainstorming GFS new Initiatives in 2024-2025

11. Old Business
    a. No old business.

12. New Business

a. No new business.
13. Resolutions
    a. No resolutions.
14. Announcements
    a. No announcements.
15. Adjournment
    a. Motion to adjourn by Lyons
    b. Adjourned at 12:08pm