

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Mendenhall Student Center 244
November 18, 2013
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Members Present: Atkinson, Terry; Bickley-Green, Cynthia; Donica, Denise; Eble, Michelle; Gares, Paul; Gemperline, Paul; Keiper, Brett; Lamson, Angela; McFadden, Cheryl; Monroe, Richard; Mott, Vivian; Pokorny, Marie; Reisch, John; Ries, Heather; Schwager, Paul; Skalko, Thom; Thompson, Bob; Vogelsong, Hans; West, Terry; and Michael Wheeler

Members Absent: Benfield, Rebecca; Coddington, Charles; Croskery, Thomas; Cox, Kathy; Franklin, Richard; Harer, John; Preston, Ron; Ratcliff, Gail; and Carmen Russoniello

Ex-Officio Members Present: Greer, Annette; Morehead, Andrew; Reaves, Rita; and Mark Sprague

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Jim Decker

Guests: Ashley, Robin, McConnell, Tom, & Belinda Patterson

1. Call meeting to order: 2:04 PM
2. Approval of the 10/21/2013 GC minutes
 Approved – with revision of Richard Monroe
3. Approval of GCC minutes
 - a. October 2, 2013 – Approved
 - b. October 16, 2013 – Meeting canceled, no minutes to approve
 - c. November 6, 2013 – Approved with revision to name Muller-Borer
4. Election of Vice Chair Graduate Council
 - a. It was noted that last month's election of an ex-officio member to the position of vice chair and member of Graduate Council Executive Council was not permitted by the Faculty Manual and that a replacement needed to be elected.
 - b. Kathy Cox was nominated & seconded from the floor.
 - c. Motion to close nominations was seconded and approved by voice vote, with Kathy Cox elected to the GCEC and position of Vice Chair by acclamation.
 - d. A request was made from the floor to revisit Part IV Section II of the Faculty Manual for the purpose of considering whether or not ex-officio members are eligible to serve on the GCEC and as officers of the Graduate Council
5. Reports:
 - a. Thesis/Dissertation Approval Subcommittee Report
Significant discussion followed a brief presentation by Prof. Morehead, especially around the idea of requiring an external reader on doctoral dissertation committees
 - External reader would be a representative of the Graduate Faculty and a member of the committee from the beginning and continue to the end
 - External to the field but not external to the university
 - Department would submit approval for reader to Dean of the Graduate School

- Concerns were expressed that this would require too much additional time for faculty to serve as an external reader in addition to other duties and cause unnecessary delays for students in the dissertation defense and approval process
- Dr. Andrew Morehead will request additional comments from graduate program directors which will be brought back to the Graduate Council for further review

b. Faculty Mentor Awards

- Monetary funding for these awards is still uncertain at this time
- The Graduate School will proceed with these awards regardless of the availability of funds
- Qualtrics survey for entering nominations has been created
 - If Faculty Mentor candidate is re-nominated, information is automatically pulled
- Paul Gares, Melanie Duffrin, Thom Croskery, and David Taylor have volunteered to serve. One additional student is needed.
- Nominations for two awards will be solicited – one at the doctoral level and one at the master's level

c. Program Directors Meeting

Minutes are forthcoming

6. Old Business

- a. Requests for GRE waivers – individual cases will be discussed at December 2013 meeting.
- i. MS Health Informatics and Information Management
 - ii. MBA – pending further information
 - iii. MS Social Work, MBA - pending further information

7. Announcements

8. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tripp