



Meeting October 17, 2018 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
David Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

## **Agenda**

### **I. Approval of Minutes: Attached\***

### **II. Report of the Chair**

### **III. Old Business**

- A. Academic Senate Liasons

### **IV. New Business**

- A. Masters and PhD Recruitment
- B. Proposal to Discontinue the EdD in Reading Language and Literatures\*
- C. Proposal to change the name of the Master of Science in Engineering Technology\*

### **V. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. New Programs Committee
- C. Academic Standards Committee
- D. Graduate Admissions
- E. Academic Senate

### **VI. Adjournment**

\* attachment



## The Graduate Council

---

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Graduate Council, held on October 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

**Members Present:** J. Anderson, E. Ash, J. Barcelona, L. Beale, K. Beningo, J. Beaudoin, E. Bitzarakis, M. Campbell, C. Chow, S. Chung, J. Ernst, N. George, Y. Huang, J. Hong, P. Johnson, S. Lean, A. Mathur, S. Ng, B. Pogodzinski, J. Pruchnic, S. Quinn, J. Rothchild, P. Samuel, J. Stanley, C. Sokol, S. Todi, E. Troffkin

**Members Absent with Notice:** E. Ash, S. Batelu, A. Cherry, S. Firestine, L. Keashly, K. Kumasi, M. Shekhar, C. Tan, D. Walz

**Members Absent:** A. Billings, P. Dubinsky, F. Hopp, T. Leff,

**Others Present:** Cheryl Somers, Mukasa Ssemakula, Gene Liao, Ana Djuric

The Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Dean Ambika Mathur.

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018 with revisions.

### II. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Graduate Council Academic Senate Liaisons

- Cindy Sokol reported that Dr. Margaret Campbell is the Research Committee liaison. Dr. Sharon Lean is the Budget Committee liaison. Dr. Kafi Kumasi is the Facility Support Services and Technology liaison. Dr. Nancy George is the Curriculum and Instruction liaison. We still need Student Affairs and Faculty Affairs Liaisons, if anybody is interested.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- #### A. Proposal to Discontinue the EdD in Reading, Language and Literatures

- Dean Mathur motioned to approve the discontinue of the EdD in Reading, Language and Literatures. Seconded and approved.
- B. Proposal to change the name of the Master of Science in Engineering Technology
- Dean Mathur motioned to approve the change the name of the Master of Science in Engineering Technology. Seconded and approved.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Executive Committee

- Masters and PhD Recruitment
  - Dr. Jeff Pruchnic reported the committee met on October 9<sup>th</sup>. They discussed strategies for increasing and improving recruitment efforts. They want to show the data to the full Graduate Council and see what ideas Council members might be able to contribute.
  - Dr. Sharon Lean reported that recruitment data has been prepared by Sherry Quinn. It shows a declining trend in PhD enrollment.
  - Dean Mathur notes the School of Medicine and Engineering have not seen that much of a decline.
  - Dr. Sharon Lean added that the Graduate School is generally seeing worse dips in the Masters area.
  - Dr. Campbell added that in the College of Nursing, all those Masters students are now Doctor of Nursing Practice. Dean Mathur noted that is being tracked.
  - Dr. Sharon Lean noted that yield has stayed flat. Applications are down in some colleges. The data does not represent full/part time students. Professional degrees not tracked by the Graduate School.
  - Dr. Karen Beningo asked about capacity of enrollment.
  - Dr. Sharon Lean responded that it is factor to look at. Different types of programs seek a different student to faculty ratio.
  - Dr. Pruchnic expressed concern about the number of applications. He thinks it will decrease the chances of having higher quality students.
  - Dr. Jeff Stanley noted that the Graduate School needs more visibility.
  - Dr. Sung Chung asked if reaching out to out-of-state students would be a good way to increase enrollment.
  - Dean Mathur asked how members think the political situation is going to impact the ability to get international students.
  - Dr. Sharon Lean noted that the Graduate School should push for tuition equivalency for out of state students.
  - Dr. Linda Beale commented that Wayne State University could argue to the state legislature that the university could better serve Michigan by lowering the tuition, getting those students to Wayne State, and then keeping them in Michigan to benefit the economy. The message needs to be sent to the Board of Governors.

- Dean Mathur reported that 60% of alumni stay in Michigan.
- Dr. Paul Johnson asked if incomplete applications have been increasing.
- Dr. George responded that incomplete applications have increased.
- The Office of Student Affairs has called people to encourage them to finish the applications. Students have indicated that the Financial Aid Office is a problem. It does not help WSU's reputation when another school gives them their acceptance, they also give them an offer of financial aid.
- Reported problems include loan program cuts, upfront housing costs, Title IX training, and how the university presents information to students.
- Dr. Lean reported Shantelle Cavin will be going to the Midwest McNair Conference on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Sherri Quinn and Shantelle Cavin have several other recruitment trips planned. Send any materials to the Graduate School for them to take by the end of the week. All department materials should look cohesive for fairs.
- Dr. Chow added that data should be reviewed on what faculty grants are paying per student. Less students get funded because costs go up. It is cheaper to have a post-doc.
- Dean Mathur added that post-doc salaries have not increased. The NIH keeps threatening every year to not have PhD students and grads anymore. The latest proposal is that all PhD training will be under NSF and it will be just straight research under the NIH.
- Dean Mathur asked how the Graduate School can partner and help departments. For this year, the Graduate School can provide funds for faculty to attend recruitment events.

#### B. Academic Standards

- Dr. Lean reported that the Academic Standards Committee will meet on October 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing AGRADE, including how to make it more functional, more attractive, easier for departments to handle and track, and easier for the Graduate School to help support. AGRADE credits count for undergraduate and masters degrees, but not towards a PhD if students stay.

#### C. New Programs

- The committee met on September 28<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed six proposals. Two were presented at this meeting. The four proposals not brought forward: A new Masters degree concentration in Media Arts and Studies in the Department of Communication, a new graduate certificate on Risk Crisis Communication in the Department of Communication, Masters of Studies in Law in the Law School, and a discontinuance of the dual title program in Curriculum and Instruction in Infant Mental Health.

#### D. Graduate Council Academic Senate Liaisons

- Dr. Beale reported that she has been involved in the master planning process, as Academic Senate President. The administration has established three different planning committees: a steering committee, a facilities planning committee, and a community engagement committee. There is no plan to submit a request for State capital project funding this year.

The information-sharing stage of the RCM process has begun. The Academic Senate policy and budget committees held the first of two joint meetings October 15<sup>th</sup>, at which the revenue allocation and cost allocation task forces were asked to present a detailed description of their recommendations and their explanations for those recommendations. Specifics on particular S/Cs have not been presented, but there was more information than we had had before. Dr. Beale stated that the Academic Senate was essentially left out of the process until now. Most members of the RCM task forces were selected by the Administration, even those faculty participating. Late in the process, the Senate was allowed to appoint a few Senate representatives. The Policy Committee proposed that Dr. Romano, then president of the Academic Senate, and Dr. Beale, as chair of the budget committee, represent faculty concerns on the revenue allocation and cost allocation task forces, respectively. At that time, the administration turned down the proposal saying that both were on the budget planning council where they would review recommendations from the task forces. A new RCM Steering Committee was then created which nearly duplicated the budget planning council, but without faculty representation. After becoming president of the Academic Senate earlier this year, Dr. Beale argued that faculty and academic staff views must be part of the discussion. She was recently appointed to the steering committee, two years after the initial request.

In terms of subventions derived from state appropriations, S/Cs would receive percentages determined solely by the proportion of overall credit hours taught in the S/C. Factors such as faculty compensation, which are a market-determined number, are not part of the formula. This may be inappropriate since faculty salaries are probably the biggest cost of any S/C. Other market drivers (such as costs of graduate and professional recruitment and education) would also be appropriate.

The GTA/GRA allocation model is changing. It's going back to the schools and colleges under the current recommendation. In terms of direct revenue allocations, 100% of indirect cost recovery funds would go to the unit of the PI under the recommendation, but every S/C would be charged a proportionate share of the Office of the Vice President for Research budget based on the S/C general fund expenditures.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Walter and Mary E. Wood