

Meeting September 20, 2017 2:00-3:30 p.m.
David Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes: Attached*

II. Report of the Chair

- A. Graduate School power point presentation

III. Old Business

- A. Micro Credentialing Update
- B. Graduate and Professional Development Seminars

IV. New Business

- A. Competitive GRA
- B. Academic Senate Representatives

V. Committee Reports

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

VI. Adjournment

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The Graduate Council

*REVISED**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2017
2:00 p.m., David Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

Members Present: S. Aboulhassen, E. Ash, A. Basu, J. Beaudoin, A. Billings, K. Blakeney, M. Campbell, A. Cano, A. Cherry, C. Chow, H. Dillaway, P. Dubinsky, J. Duchan, J. Ernst, A. Feig, H. Heng, F. Hopp, L. Keashly, S. Lean, J. Pruchnic, J. Rothchild, L. Romano, P. Samuel, D. Schutte, M. Shekhar, C. Sokol, C. Tan, A. Vallerand, D. Walz, X. Zhang

Members Absent

With notice: D. Baker, N. Bhavnagri, M. Clark, D. Pitts, J. Smith-Darden, M. Tracey, E. Troffkin

Members Absent: L. Beale, P. Beavers, R. Benkert, , L. Hazlett, P. Johnson, T. Leff, S. Ng, L. Sabapathy, T. Stemmler, W. Volz

Also Present: M. Dickson, A. Kumar

***Revised:** A Cherry and J. Rothchild were in attendance.

The Meeting was convened at 2:03 p.m. by Dean Ambika Mathur.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017.

II. REPORTS OF THE CHAIR AND OLD BUSINESS

A. Graduate School power point presentation

- Dean Ambika Mathur states graduate enrollment has changed due to forces beyond control with College of Engineering as the one that's chiefly being hit. Loss is due in part to people worried about coming here with the current political climate.
- New graduate enrollment strategy: Increasing the domestic pool, decreasing reliance on international, and doing targeted enrollment increases.

- Dean Mathur states that she will be reaching out to Grad Council membership, grad directors, faculty and students about how to change recruitment since there is not an infrastructure for it in place.
- Dean Mathur suggests adoption of strategies where students/alumni are acting as ambassadors and faculty being in direct contact with admitted students. Also states the need to see which other countries to target where there are high populations of students coming.
- Dean Mathur stated that while enrollment is “doom and gloom” but it isn’t quite as dire. Enrollment for 2017 is still above the 2015 numbers yet it’s absolutely necessary to increase and grow in other areas.
- Dean Mathur speaks of PhD Student successes and how those are stories to share to increase enrollment.
- Collected data from 90% of 3,000 PhD Alumni over a 15 year period. Data shows alumni are pursuing careers in academia but also in other employment sectors. Location wise they are employed locally, nationally, and globally.
- Over time, alumni are changing careers from Academia to for-profit and other sectors. To prepare students and give them transferrable skills there is the BEST Career Exploration Program and Graduate and Postdoctoral Professional Development Series.
- Asking for answers to the following questions: How can we disseminate this information on the impact of our doctoral alumni to stakeholders? How do we engage our alumni network? How do we further use these data for continuous improvement of our doctoral training programs? How do we use these data to recruit a diverse body of doctoral students who will become successful alumni?

B. Micro Credentialing Update

- Deferred

C. Graduate and Professional Development Seminars

- Deferred

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Competitive GRA

- Dr. Marcus Dickson spoke about the committee Dean Mathur appointed task force to evaluate the effectiveness of the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP).
- Roles of this task force, which include Dr. Ashok Kumar, and Dr. Edward Goldenberg, are to evaluate the TIP itself and determine if the program would/should continue as well as what a possible new GRA-supportive program would look like.
- Dr. Dickson states that the graduate students covered and funded through grants have been on a steady decline since 2014-15. TIP is not causing the decline but it isn’t causing an increase which is its purpose.
- TIP has extensive publicity yet being used in a very small number of locations within the university. Mostly a pattern of a nearly 50/50 split between Arts and Sciences and Engineering over the course of the past 3 years.
- Dr. Dickson proposed a new GRA program: key elements would include an award to a student/advisor pair which the student submits with the advisor’s support. It would be a three

year funding opportunity of a student that has achieved candidacy with the intention to promote the students' development.

- Dr. Dickson stated that there would only be one GRA per faculty member or lab at any given time and only one application per year from any faculty member. The proposal for research needs to be feasible with the resources available at the time.
- Dr. Dickson suggested multiple criteria included the potential to generate new external funding, ability to generate high impact publications, ability to lead the student to success, and the breadth of the project regarding its interdisciplinary nature.
- Expectation is that after a period of transition that there would be 4 available per year.
- Dr. Sharon Lean questioned the logic of the candidacy requirement. Asked if the project is student-initiated after candidacy, is this dissertation research funding?
- Dean Mathur stated that The Graduate School would prefer the student to be working on their dissertation research and confirmed that the program would fund dissertation research.
- Dr. Dickson stated while dissertation research would be the likely funded project, depending on the discipline students may be involved in other sizable projects which means the committee didn't want to recommend that this is only for dissertation research. This gives some flexibility but still requiring the student to demonstrate they were competent enough to receive three years' worth of funding.
- Dr. Simon Ng suggested that instead of four student for three years that they consider six students for two to improve the time for graduation.
- Dean Mathur stated that all recommendations from the group and feedback would be studied and taken into account.
- Dr. Ng asked if there has been a change in the regional GRAs where the response from Dean Mathur is that it's the exact same amount of money. The breakdown is different but the money is exactly the same.

B. Academic Senate Representatives

- Dean Mathur asked that academic senate representatives bring back reports to the Graduate Council from the different committees.
- Dean Mathur encouraged membership on each of those committees.
- Dr. Sharon Lean volunteers for Curriculum and Instruction.
- Dr. Paul Dubinsky volunteers for the Research Committee.
- Dr. Tim Stemmler has the Budget Committee.
- Dean Mathur requests nominations to be sent including self-nominations.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

- Dr. Jeff Pruchnic states that during the first meeting of the year, on September 11, 2017, the topics of rolling data, recruitment efforts, and the GRA report by Dr. Dickson was discussed in great detail.
- There was an update to the GTA allocation report, a report by the GTA allocation committee, which was a series of metrics to be used for adjusting GTA allocations. Decisions being made would push it to 2019.

B. New Programs Committee

- Associate Dean Annmarie Cano states that during their meeting they reviewed a College of Education proposal for a counseling site, a PhD program in the School of Medicine to a titled program Medical Physics.
- There are several program changes to the English graduate programs, Masters programs in Immunology and Microbiology, Engineering and Urban Planning. More on that next time.

C. Academic Standards Committee

- Associate Dean Andrew Feig states that the committee met two weeks ago to set policy issues for the year and if there are any issues to email him.
- Associate Dean Feig stated that they need to finalize the data ownership policy.
- A question was raised if the RCR course is under the Academic Standards committee, Dean Mathur responded that it is with the Graduate School.

D. Graduate Admissions

- Dean Mathur briefly spoke in the absence of Ms. Deirdre Baker. No specific numbers were provided.

E. Academic Senate

- Dr. Lou Romano stated that the Academic Senate is currently reviewing the General Education proposal from the administration. After changes, it resembles a form of standard general education program.
- The unique aspects are the first year inquiry course which need to be fleshed out and a Wayne Experience course. Problem with this is not all students need that kind of course and would likely do better with a different type of course.
- The report is due to the Board on November 3rd.
- Dr. Romano mentioned the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee set the kick-off date as Friday, January 26th with a few major events that day including six presidential symposia.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sokol

Manager of the Graduate Council