

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday March 29, 2017

10:10 – 11:10 a.m.

ABB 145

Council in Attendance:

John Borkowski (Sciences)

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Mary Miles (Health & Human Development)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Kristin Smith (Student Representative)

Franke Wilmer (Faculty Senate)

Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Robert Rydell (Letters)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (The Graduate School)

Megan Prettyman (International Programs)

Amanda Brown (The Graduate School)

Absent:

Ian van Coller (Arts)

Tena Versland (Education)

Meeting started at 10:11am

March 1, 2017 minutes

- Livingston moves, Miles second, unanimous pass

March 8, 2017 minutes

- Miles moves, Livingston second, unanimous pass

Announcements

- **Update: Faculty Senate (Wilmer)**
 - Individual Interdisciplinary PhD (IIP) degree moves to May BOR meeting
- **Update: Degree Programs & Certificates (Brown/Cerretti)**
 - “March for Science” flyer and student email were provided as handouts
 - Current admissions numbers were provided as a handout
- **Level II Proposal, PhD Statistics Education revision (Miles)**
 - Math Dept withdrew proposal as a new PhD program; decided to wait and review

New Business

- **PhD Enhancement Funds proposal review**
 - Ad-hoc committee: Jean Shreffler-Grant, Marc Giullian, Chris Livingston, Mary Miles
 - Borkowski points out that American Studies is not a department and therefore is disqualified
 - History submitted a proposal for 2 GTA lines
 - Recommends that American Studies and History be considered together for the total request of 2 GTA lines (limit allowed by the CFP)
 - 8 departments applied

- 2 departments only requested 1 line; every other department requested the max of 2
- The students who would receive the TA lines are named in the proposals
- The award is intended for existing graduate students who have had previous teaching assistantships and /or for who teaching is a potential career path
- Potentially some misunderstanding in the criteria led to proposals that referenced new students rather than experienced TAs
- Q: Is there confusion regarding student type allowed to receive award? For example, do departments think masters students continuing into PhD program can qualify for the award?
 - Name of award is “PhD Enhancement” so there should not be confusion
- Discussion of merits of individual proposals by ad-hoc committee (UGC members whose departments did not submit an application)
- Will review generously for FY17-18 but will revise “CFP” and rubric to clarify for the future
- Dean Hoo will ask departments who have previously received this award to report on the progress of these students

Old Business

- **“N” grade for 575 Professional Paper (Hoo)**
 - If “N” (continuing) an option, must be used for traditionally graded and P/F 575 courses
 - Registrar suggested “judicious use of the ‘I’ (incomplete) grade” for students who do not complete their professional paper in the prescribed amount of credits
 - Dean Hoo asks Council to consider the “N” and “I” grade uses for 575 and will discuss at next meeting
- **Department Handbooks (Borkowski)**
 - Chair Borkowski will be giving charge to ad-hoc committee by end-of-week

Committee Reports

- **Policy and Procedures Committee**
- **Curriculum Committee**
- **Governance Committee**

Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting – April 12 at 10:10 a.m.