

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

11-12:30pm

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Council in Attendance:

John Borkowski (Sciences)

James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Robert Rydell (Letters)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Tena Versland (Education)

Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Amanda Brown (Graduate School)

Absent:

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Dennis Aig (Arts)

Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Meeting started at 11:06am

Jan 17, 2018 minutes

- Versland moves, Livingston second, unanimous approval

Announcements

- **Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock/Richards)**
 - Workload policy being discussed at FS today; policy will likely be recommended by FS by end of spring term
- **DPC Update**
 - Graduation applications due Feb 5th

Old Business

- **Department Handbooks (Borkowski)**
 - Sub-committee will meet in next two weeks to discuss template
 - Item has been on agenda since spring 2017

New Business

- **PHD CHME proposal (Livingston)**
 - Proposal sent via email to Council, discussion ensues
 - Re-establishing the PhD in CHME
 - Credential most appropriate to professionals practicing in the field, gives name recognition

- Numerical errors in credits were found in the proposal
- Proposal/program relies on courses from other units at MSU
- Curriculum sub-committee chair Livingston will compile questions from Council to send to Chemical Engineering; Council to send questions to Livingston by Monday Feb 5th
- **Update on Doctoral Program Prioritization (Hoo), PowerPoint presentation**
 - First organizational meeting was in December 2017; charged with ranking internal doctoral programs
 - MSU has about 40 doctoral programs
 - Administrative prioritization already underway at MSU in the form of shared services (for IT, human resources, business processes)
 - Ultimate outcome/goal is to improve doctoral (PhD, EdD, DNP) program portfolio
 - Committee timeline: 1 year from Nov 2017
 - Dean Hoo has reached out to universities that have gone through an academic prioritization for support/best practices
 - Doctoral program prioritization committee (DPPC) plan to hold charrettes in February for campus feedback/information
 - DPPC meeting tomorrow, 2/1/18
- **2018-2019 PhD Enhancement Awards**
 - Proposals in UGC shared drive for review
 - 24 requests for funding from 12 different PhD programs
 - \$18K per award; a program can request up to 2 awards
 - There is funding for 12 students
 - Ad-hoc committee: Livingston, Giullian, Al-Kaisy, Versland, Becker, Shreffler-Grant
 - Send assessments/scores to Dean Hoo before next UGC meeting

Adjourned at 12:20pm

Next scheduled meeting –February 14, 2018 at 11 am