

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

March 21, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WEBEX

Council in Attendance:

Mike Wittie (Engineering)  
Christopher Livingston (Architecture)  
Sweeney Windchief (Education)  
Michael Brody (Faculty Senate)  
Rachelle McLain (Library)  
Jane Mangold (Agriculture)  
Wade Hill (Nursing)  
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)  
Dawn Tarabochia (Health & Human Development)  
Catherine Dunlop (Letters & Science)  
Dennis Aig (Arts)

Also in Attendance:

Ashley Peebles (Graduate School)

Absent:

Maureen Kessler (Student Representative)  
Scott Creel (Letters & Science)  
Marc Giullian (Business)

Meeting started at 10:01 am on WebEx

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes**

- Motion to approve by Wittie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Livingston, motion passes: 3 pass, 0 oppose, 3 abstain

**Announcements**

- **Update from the Dean**
  - Grad School still searching for Kathy Marcinko's replacement. First person offered the position turned down position.
  - Group of Graduate Students working to form graduate student representative body. Presenting at Faculty Senate during semester, working closely with ASMSU but will be separate for graduate students
  - Next week meeting of grad coordinators, inviting grad council.
    - Concerns from Dunlop regarding graduate housing and loss of qualified graduate students
- **Faculty Senate update (Brody)**

- Considering recommendations for faculty affairs committee. Made recommendations to changes to sabbatical review process. Senate currently in process of reviewing those changes and will be voting on recommendations to provost next week.
- Senate also in process of finalizing faculty responsibilities. Including proposal requiring faculty to be in their office for 3 hours per 3 credit class taught
- Meeting with BOR 2 weeks ago to discuss cost of living, faculty morale, mental health. General agreement of awkward position of cost of living and hiring and faculty mental health.
  - BOR is aware and in agreement that these topics are important and require further discussion.
- Brody reelected senate chair for next year.
- Judge in county agreed there is standing to sue legislature and governor regarding guns, critical race theory, trans students, voting. Guns not allowed on campus.

### Old Business

- Age of courses
  - Revised proposal
    - Age cannot exceed 6 years for Certificates, Masters
    - Doctoral 7 years
    - Current policy is doctorate age of courses can be 10 years
    - Motivated by currency in field and time to completion
  - Questions
    - How will students be reminded or informed of how many years they have left? Who will be responsible for knowing those deadlines?
    - Is it clearly listed if a student takes a leave of absence so it does not count towards their total time to degree?
  - Wittie shared proposal with College of Engineering and received significant push back on doctoral aged courses time (7 years proposed) and that the clock did not reset with enroute masters.
    - Concern for students needing more time to complete PhD
    - Engineering time to completion median is 5.25 years for PhD students
      - Possible to get an extension from 7 to 8 years or more with more documentation
    - Faculty are supportive of reducing time to degree, but current policy does not seem it would work for Engineering
  - Can some of these issues with time to degree completion and leave of absence be resolved with the appeal language?
    - Suggestions to give students degree timelines right away and add exceptions for en-route masters, online masters, and students working in the field
  - **Current discussion tabled but separate meeting to be held with Ogilvie, Livingston, Wittie, Cerretti**
- Indigenous Food Systems program
  - Response is being worked on regarding questions from previous meeting
  - There is enough time if this is voted on at the next council meeting and brought to the faculty senate
- Certificate in non profit leadership and administration

- Questions have been sent off with no response to date
- Graduate policy process
  - More detail on where things go after JAGS decides if final destination is not graduate policy
  - 4 weeks added as possible timeframes for each step
  - Should the time limits be only on things that are in the purview of grad council?
  - Dunlop motions to move proposed workflow to JAGS, Tarabochia 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes: 7 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- Currently have 3 credit registration requirement for students in their final semester for certificate programs
  - Proposal to change this to 1 credit requirement
  - Concern this will be a slippery slope for other programs with masters and doctorates
  - Philosophy of having 3 credit requirement is because there is more faculty time for masters and doctorate students to finish, less faculty time for certificate students
  - Dunlop motions to approve change to 1 credit, Wittie 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes: 7 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
    - Motion will move to JAGS

#### **New Business**

- Not discussed during this meeting.

Adjourned at 11:28 am

Next scheduled meeting – April 4, 2022