Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Senate  
April 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Bowles at 3:30 pm in S203 Memorial Union.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Doug Bowles, Newton D’Souza, Keith Greenwood, Moses Hdeib, Jill Kanaley, Charles Nilon, Earnest Perry, Janine Stichter, Yun Zhang (sub for Carlos Wexler), Carrie Winship (Graduate Student Association), Tracy Kitchel, Ashley Siebenaler, Ruth Erwin (Graduate School), Blake Naughton (visitor).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Sounak Chakraborty, Rajeev Darolia, Jeni Hart, Craig Kluever, Jeff Pasley, Ton Stam, and Leona Rubin.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved.

Dr. Bowles presented the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was approved.

**Special business of the day**

**Welcome newly elected Senators**

The new Senators are: Azlin Mustapha and one additional representative representing CAFNR, Keith Greenwood representing Journalism/Law/Public Affairs. Business/Accountancy, Veterinary Medicine/Medicine/Health Professions/Nursing and Education/Information Science & Learning Technologies are still working on their selections.

Dr. Bowles thanked Drs. Stam, Hart, Kitchel, Nilon and Perry for their service on the Senate for the past three years. Dr. Bowles’ term also expires. Dr. Kanaley announced that she would not be able to serve on the Senate next year due to a fellowship commitment in Washington, DC. She will search for a DGS member to serve out her term.

**Election of Officers for 2015-16**

Dr. Perry conducted the election. For President Janine Stichter was nominated. A motion and second were made to elect Dr. Stichter for President. The motion was approved. For Vice President Moses Hdeib was nominated. A motion and second were made to elect Dr. Hdeib as Vice President. The motion was approved. For Member at Large Rajeev Darolia was nominated. A motion and second were made to elect Dr. Darolia as Member at Large. The motion was approved. For Academic Affairs Chair Carlos Wexler was nominated. A motion and second were made to elect Dr. Wexler as Academic Affairs Chair. The motion was approved. For Awards Committee Chair Newton D’Souza was nominated. A motion and second were made to elect Dr. D’Souza as Awards Committee Chair. The motion was approved.
Graduate Student Association Report

Ms. Winship presented Dr. Bowles a letter from the Graduate Student Association with regard to the removal of the GSA representative as a voting member of the GFS. Dr. Bowles said that the Senate would review the letter and reply to GSA.

Office of Graduate Studies report

Dr. Kitchel presented the report in Dr. Rubin’s absence. He indicated that he and Dr. Perry will be serving as co-chairs of the Graduate Student Experience Task Force. He indicated that the Task Force would have its first meeting on Friday (May 1). They would be discussing how the graduate experience was for students and what needs to be improved. They will be working with the Task Force over the summer. He indicated that AAU is changing their doctoral data reporting and it is possible that MU will move from Tier 2 to Tier 1. This would not be a good thing for MU.

He indicated that Dr. Rubin is working on a policy on tuition waivers. The policy would change the policy on .25 and .50 waivers. He said Dr. Rubin is talking to the Deans about proposed changes. Someone asked if grants would be included in the discussion on policy changes and Dr. Kitchel indicated that they would. He indicated that current students would be grandfathered when the changes takes effect in Fall Semester 2016.

Reports of Committee

Dr. Nilon presented the Academic Affairs report. The Academic Affairs Committee did not approve the following proposal because of problems with grading scales.

ANTHRO 4385  Anthropology of Shamanism
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BIOCHM 8434  Signaling in Molecular Cell Biology
CMP_SC 8070  Computational Optimization Methods
ECE 7440  Power Systems Analysis
HMI 8689  Field Experience in Health Management and Informatics
JOURN 7373  Documentary Theory and Development
JOURN 7375  Documentary Business and the Public Sphere
MAE 8710  Advanced Hydraulic Control Systems
PTH_AS 7450  Precision Medicine Informatics

The committee recommends approval of the following course proposals:

CMP_SC8450  Forma engineering methods for software and security
ED_LPA 8432  Introduction to improvement systems in education
ED_LPA 9445  College student development
ED_LPA 9446  Student affairs administration
ESC_PS 8270  Student -athlete wellbeing
ESC_PS 8330  Motivating at-risk and diverse students
Cultural backgrounds and learning
Cognition and emotion
Diversity and multiculturalism II – Practical application
African American education – historic and current issues
Immigrant issues in education
Gay, lesbian and bisexual issues in the schools
Quantitative foundations in education research
Doctoral seminar in information science and learning
Designing online learning
MoJo Ad Staff
Media strategy and planning
Interactive advertising II
Strategic communication practicum
International issues and the media
Strategic writing II
MoJo ad staff
Strategic design and visuals
Psychology in advertising
Media strategy and planning
Management of strategic communication
Global communication
Interactive advertising I
Interactive advertising II
Strategic communication practicum
Public relations writing
News editing
Strategic campaigns
Teaching literature
Teaching communication
Foundations of English education
Microfluidics
Optimal control
Music travel course
State of the science
Magnetic resonance imaging: physics and procedures
Computed topography: physics and procedures
Advanced medical imaging externship
Current issues in respiratory care
Social statistics
Working with minority youth
Social work practice with minorities: African-American experience
Social work and disasters
Latino/a immigrants and receiving communities
Child custody and visitation mediation in social work
The committee recommends approval of the Graduate Certificate in Educational Improvement.

The committee recommends approval of the MS degree name change in the Department of Agricultural Education and Leadership.

A motion and second were made to approve the courses approved by the Academic Affairs Committee and to roll back to the departments the ones with problems with the grading scale. The motion was approved.

Dr. Naughton presented information on the Graduate Certificate in Education Improvement. He indicated that the market for the program is anticipated to be large and would provide an educational opportunity for current school, district, and university administrators – as well as their board members – in the foundations of managing complex organizations for continuous improvement. At the conclusion of the Graduate Certificate a student will:

1. Understand the concepts and research-based approaches of school improvement
2. Understand techniques of generating, managing, and applying improvement data
3. Understand application of improvement principles in current systems of accreditation, state/federal reporting, program evaluation, professional development, student assessment, etc.
4. Demonstrate implementation of systematic improvement processes in various levels of an educational organization.

The program will be offered as both a stand-alone program or as an additional program for students in related degree programs. The program consists of four courses delivered annually online over 7 months, from June through December. Two courses will be taught in the summer and two courses in the fall. The program will culminate in December at an annual conference put on by the Missouri Network for Education Improvement at which students will present results of their practicum course projects to facilitate learning across the network. The four courses will include one new course, two reshaped courses and a special section of practicum for 12 credits.

A motion and second were made to approve the Graduate Certificate in Education Improvement. The motion was approved.
Consideration of MS degree name change in Department of Agricultural Education and Leadership from “Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership” to “Agricultural Leadership, Communication and Education.”

Dr. Kitchel indicated that as the department surveyed other departments on campus about their proposed renaming of the degree program that they received concerns about using Education and Leadership so close together in the title. A motion and second were made to approve the change in the MS degree in the Department of Agricultural Education and Leadership from Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership to Agricultural Leadership, Communication and Education. The motion was approved. A motion and second were made to grant the department latitude to change Leadership, Communication, and Education as necessary if there was a problem with the order. The motion was approved.

Unfinished Business

Outcome of ratification of proposed revised by-laws

Dr. Bowles indicated that the by-laws were approved by a vote of 455 to 28. He indicated that he had included a comment box on the ballot and had received several comments. He asked that the by-laws be posted on the GFS website. Dr. Bowles indicated that clarification needs to be made on how courses get approved in the by-laws.

Cross leveling graduate courses and 5000 level professional courses

Discussion on whether 5000 level courses meet graduate credit needs without any additional graduate effort

Dr. Bowles indicated that he sent this question out to his college. He indicated that it was generally felt that graduate and professional course have different expectations. He emphasized that it is not a question of rigor, as both professional and graduate courses are rigorous. The central issue is objectives. The primary objective of a professional program is to prepare the student to be proficient in the most current practice of a profession. The primary objective of a graduate program is to prepare the student to generate new knowledge to advance the field of study. Discussion followed on differences between graduate and professional courses. A motion and second to table the vote on 5000/8000 courses for next year’s GFS to allow for more feedback on the courses. The motion was approved. A motion and second were made to allow up to six hours of professional coursework towards a graduate degree. The motion was approved. A motion and second were made to table the discussion on 5000/7000 courses for next year’s GFS. The motion was approved.

Awards Committee

Ms. Erwin noted that the awards banquet would be held the following night. The winners of the awards are as follows:

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award                 Jeremy Taylor from Animal Sciences
MU Distinguished Dissertation Award  Ilker Ersoy from Computer Science
MU Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award  Jenna Rice from History
Donald K. Anderson Graduate Research Assistant Award  Samantha Heintzelman from Psychological Sciences
Donald K. Anderson Graduate Teaching Assistant Award  Hesam Oveys from Mathematics

**Subcommittee Reports**

Admissions Subcommittee Report
There were not a chair present to make a report.

Functions Subcommittee Report

Dr. D’Souza indicate that there had been a lot of discussion within the subcommittee and with the GFS

Collected Rules Subcommittee Report

Dr. Hdeib indicated they had not finished.

Dr. Bowles encourage next year’s President to come up with more discussion from the subcommittee because the subcommittee topics came out of the Task Force on Graduate Education. He indicated that attendance has been an issue this year in getting work on the subcommittees completed. He encouraged the committees to work on their tasks over the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Submitted by

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