The meeting was called to order by President Tracy Kitchel at 3:30 pm in 2205 A & B Student Center.

Senators and administrative representatives attending: Doug Bowles, Sounak Chakraborty, Sam Cohen, Signe Cohen, Jeni Hart, Tracy Kitchel, Jeff Pasley, Earnest Perry, Carol Snively, Janine Stichter, Marty Townsend, Maxwell Philbrook (Graduate Student Association), Leona Rubin, Terrence Grus, Ashley Siebenaler, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School), Glen Heggie, Robert Shay, Jonathan Kuuskoski, and John Wilkerson (visitors).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Charles Nilon, Ton Stam, and Lisa Zanetti.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

Dr. Kitchel presented the agenda for the meeting and it was approved.

Graduate Student Association

Mr. Philbrook indicated the February GSA meeting would be held that night and GFS Senators were invited if they wished to attend. The meeting would be held in 215 Tate Hall. He indicated that GSA was accepting nominations for outstanding graduate students and outstanding graduate faculty awards. He said the GSA would also working on their year-end items including their banquet.

Graduate School Report

Dr. Rubin told the group she had met with the Chancellor on an initiative with regard to Post-Doctoral Fellowships. In theory they would continue to be funded like the Mizzou Advantage Post-Doctoral program fellowships. With the new model, she is hoping that more departments will benefit and utilize this program. The Post Doc appointments will be for one year with the Graduate School providing matching funds to the departments. The match will vary depending on the amount of teaching the post doc does. The Post Doc could teach two courses for their department, participate in the Preparing Future Faculty program, and work on their scholarship/research in order to enhance their ability to get a faculty position at the end. She is hoping the program will fund ten Post Docs. She indicated that they have just started working on the application process. She felt this new initiative would work well with the Humanities department and with a few additional changes would also work for the Science departments.

Unfinished Business

Response from Department of Mathematics regarding 15 Year Rule

Dr. Kitchel indicated that Dr. Dan Edidin had sent an email indicating that the new rules did not help him in his particular scenario. The email was sent to the senators prior to the meeting.
Dr. Rubin indicated that traditionally the Graduate School never accepts three year degrees. The proposal that was prepared providing students with three year degrees an opportunity to enter Graduate School is based on the qualifications of the institution where the degree was issued, the quality of the student and the needs of the department. The new proposal was intentionally cautious since there is no evidence about either the schools or students performance. Thus, the proposal recommends students enter at the master level, which is currently the requirement for students from three year degree schools. The advantage of the new proposal is that students may enter MU master programs rather than starting in their home country. This would provide them an opportunity to add that year to their PhD should they elect to stay in the department. Other campus efforts to offer accelerated graduate degrees and duel credit do not provide tuition waivers for students in the 4th year. To maintain consistency, students from 3 year foreign schools also would not be eligible for tuition waivers during their first year at MU. The Senate chose not act on the email.

Reports from Committees

Awards

Dr. Bowles indicated that the Committee was working on the Distinguished Dissertation Award. He reminded the Committee that their decision were due by March 5 so that the candidate can be selected by March 12.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Kitchel presented the list of courses that had been reviewed by the Committee and their decision.

The GFS Academic Affairs Committee reviewed 50 courses that were submitted in December 2013 and January 2014:

College of Arts and Science

- Physics and Astronomy 8420 approved
- Physics and Astronomy 7720 approved pending revisions
- Physics and Astronomy 7050 approved pending revisions
- Physics and Astronomy 7020 approved
- Religious Studies 8010 approved pending revisions
- Political Science 9690 approved pending revisions
- Political Science 9070 approved pending revisions
- Political Science 9145 approved pending revisions
- Music 7540 approved
- Music 7530 approved
- Music 7522 approved
- Music 7520 approved
- Music 7518 approved
- Linguistics 7740 approved pending revisions
- History 7815 approved pending revisions
- History 8640 approved pending revisions
- Communication 9610 approved pending revisions

College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

- Biochemistry 7510 approved pending revisions
- Ag Systems Management 8142 approved pending revisions

College of Human Environmental Sciences
The committee also reviewed a course proposal for a graduate certificate from the School of Music. The committee recommends approving the proposal; however there were questions from members concerning the organization of the certificate and the review process for the certificate. The courses for the certificate have been approved by the committee.

A motion and second were made to accept the Academic Affairs report. The motion was approved.

**Other New Business**

**Consideration of a Name Change to the MHS in DMU**

Dr. Heggie presented background on why the Department of Cardiopulmonary and Diagnostics Sciences proposed changing the current MHS in DMU to an MHS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences. He indicated that the department is composed of five disciplines (Radiologic Sciences, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Diagnostic Medicine
Ultrasound, and Respiratory Therapy) that are currently offered as bachelor’s level degrees with Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound have a master’s level also. The five disciplines share a number of common characteristics. The five disciplines in terms of higher education and the state of Missouri are listed under 4 separate CIP codes. The department would like to replace the four current CIP codes and cluster all five of the BHS-level program under a single code with students being awarded a BHS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences with an emphasis in “their particular discipline”. They would also like to build on the concept of the bachelor’s degree and recognize the discipline of emphasis for the MHS degree. They are requesting renaming the current MHS in DMU to a MHS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences. With the new MHS there could be collaboration between divisions on campus and provide a feeder for PhD programs. A motion and second were made to approve the request to change the MHS in Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound to a MHS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences. The motion was approved.

Consideration of Graduate Certificate in Music Entrepreneurship

Dr. Shay and Mr. Kuuskoski presented information on the proposed graduate certificate. They indicated this has been an emerging field over the past several years. There are few formalized graduate certificates in music entrepreneurship in the United States and implementing this certificate would establish MU as a leader in the certificate. The certificate is aimed primarily at degree-seeking students in music and music education but pending approval from the certificate director students in other majors and as a stand-alone entity. They feel that graduate students are ready for this certificate. There are 6 modules in the proposal including a practicum. Concerns that were raised included: a designated director (assumed Mr. Kuuskoski), an advisory committee to oversee the certificate, the advising capacity for the certificate and the Federal Disclosure on Gainful Employment. Discussion was held on whether to approve the certificate with conditions that the Senators concerns were met with the Academic Affairs Committee holding the oversight on seeing that the conditions were met. A motion and second were made to approve the Graduate Certificate in Music Entrepreneurship with conditions (to be reviewed by Drs. Kitchel and Nilon). The motion failed. A motion and second were made to send the certificate back to Music and ask for more information and have Academic Affairs review the additional information after the changes were made. The motion approved.

Discussion on Implementation of CIM/Potential Training

Dr. Kitchel asked the group if they would like him to invite Registration staff to the March meeting to show the new online course proposal approval. The Senators indicated they would like that.

Finalize Bylaws Revisions

Since Mr. Wilkerson could not attend the meeting until almost 5 pm the Senators broke into two subcommittees to review different sections of the GFS bylaws for possible revisions. After Mr. Wilkerson’s presentation the subcommittees highlighted some of their suggestions which included simplify the bylaws, remove overdraft, list powers in the preamble, change veto votes to 2/3 instead of a simple majority, clarify what an Affiliate Graduate Faculty member is and have their appointment be for two years instead of five, increase the number of members on the Graduate Faculty Senate with each School/College that is headed by a Dean would get at least representative, the GSA member would be a non-voting member and would not be included as part of the Executive Committee. The subcommittees were going to send their recommendations to Dr. Kitchel and he would compile them in a draft document.

TOEFL Scores

Dr. Townsend introduced John Wilkerson, Director of International Admissions. Mr. Wilkerson indicated that MU used both the TOEFL and IELTS for undergraduate and graduate admission.
He indicated that the TOEFL is waived for eight countries. He indicated concerns with the TOEFL includes test security problem with the TOEFL in one country and international students are also learning the TOEFL test. Both issues cause problems when reviewing test scores for admissions. Departments must look at transcripts and other items to determine if the English proficiency on the TOEFL is accurate. He presented a handout that showed where MU ranked in relation to AAU, SEC, Big 10 and Big 12 schools. MU has the lowest TOEFL scores among the AAU colleges on his handout. The IELTS has a stronger security. MU uses the same TOEFL score for both on campus and online students. Mr. Wilkerson indicated that MU is proposing a new minimum TOEFL score. He had hoped the new proposal would be ready by Fall Semester 2014 and implemented by Fall Semester 2015 but believes that the timeline might be pushed back. He has just received data that will be used to determine the correlation of TOEFL test scores with how students have done at MU. Before changes in the TOEFL score can be made discussions will need to be held in academic units to determine the impact on changing the minimum TOEFL score will have on their departments. He indicated that several divisions on campus have a higher TOEFL score then the University minimum.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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