Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Senate  
December 2, 2014

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, Sounak Chakraborty, Rajeev Darolia, Newton D'Souza, Jeni Hart, Moses Hdeib, Jill Kanaley, Tracy Kitchel, Craig Kluever, Charles Nilon, Jeff Pasley, Earnest Perry, Janine Stichter, Carlos Wexler, Maxwell Philbrook (Graduate Student Association), Leona Rubin, Mannie Liscum, Ashley Siebenaler, and Ruth Erwin (Graduate School), and Sung Woo Kahng (visitor).

Senators and administrative representatives absent: Tom Stam.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014. The motion was approved.

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

**Special Business for the day**

**Graduate Student Association report**

Mr. Philbrook stated that the CV Doc event was a big success and he thanked the Senators for their assistance. He also indicated that the GSA held their elections for new officers at their November 14, 2014 meeting and Kenneth Bryant, Jr. was the new President and he would be attending future GFS meetings. Mr. Philbrook stated that he had a really interesting time working with the GFS for the past year. Dr. Bowles thanked Mr. Philbrook for his service for the past year.

**Graduate Studies report**

Dr. Rubin announced that an email was sent from the Provost on Monday regarding graduate students teaching graduate students. She indicated that approximately 80 classes were taught by graduate students. This includes both online and on campus courses. The new regulation will go into effective at the end of the Fall Semester. The Registrar will not allow graduate students to be listed as instructors of courses beginning in January 2015. She indicated that with the upcoming accreditation review this was an issue that needed to be addressed.

She indicated the GFS would be seeing an accelerated master proposal within the next few months. The proposal would allow students to count up to 15 credit hours towards their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students will need to meet specific requirements in order to participate in the program. MU would be following other universities across the country who have adopted this master’s proposal. This would allow students to complete a master’s degree in one additional year after completing their bachelors. The proposal would meet HLC and IPADS requirements. This would allow students to complete both their undergraduate degree and a master degree within 5 years.
Dr. Rubin announced that the Chancellor wants to create a Task Force on Graduate Student Funding. She said the last time that graduate students funding was reviewed was approximately six years ago. This will be faculty driven to examine funding and how funding for graduate students should be set up. The Provost will also set up a Task Force for Interdisciplinary Programs. She indicated that Senators may want to serve on either of the Task Forces. She also announced that the Provost and Higher Learning Commission has sent a survey to undergraduate and graduate student that they should fill out with regard to accreditation. She encouraged Senators to make sure that their department’s students participated in the survey.

Dr. Rubin indicated a discussion was necessary on graduate and doctoral faculty and provided a handout with regard to graduate and doctoral faculty membership. She indicated that there was not a definition of Affiliate Graduate Faculty on the GFS website but she could find a form for nomination for Affiliate Graduated Faculty. An Affiliate Graduate Faculty member is someone who should not vote on departmental matter but is allowed to teach graduate-level courses and serve on master’s committees but not doctoral committees. The classification is causing problems with the College of Education’s EdD committees for their cohort program. She indicated that clarification was needed on what and Affiliate Graduate Faculty member was and their status with regard to committees. After discussion a motion was made and seconded that Affiliate Graduate Faculty status permit faculty to serve on both masters and doctoral committees. The motion was approved.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**Reports of Committee**

**Academic Affairs Committee**

Dr. Nilon said that he had emailed the courses the Academic Affairs Committee had reviewed and recommended to the GFS for approval. The courses are:

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Dr. Nilon indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee would like a discussion of 7000 and 8000 courses and what oversight the Academic Affairs Committee should have with review of these courses.

A motion and second were made to approved the pending courses. The motion was approved.

Consideration of preliminary proposal for a Master’s Degree in Applied Behavior Analysis

Dr. Sung Woo Kahng from Health Psychology presented information on a proposed master’s degree in Applied Behavior Analysis. He indicated that one phase of the degree will associated with autism. The master’s degree will be a 39 credit degree that will take a student a minimum of two years and will include a practicum that will allows graduates to sit for the exam in their field. Dr. Kahng provided a handout on the summary of the need for the degree. He said that the difference between the proposal degree and other similar degrees in the state was that this is a stand-alone degree and will provide more knowledge of behavior analysis. He was asked where the jobs would be and indicated that they planned to start with individuals working with autism and expand to other needs, one of which would be rehab. The degree would focus on full time students. They realize the need that other students might be interested. They are anticipating 30 students per year for this professional degree. This will be an on campus degree with students paying their own tuition.

After Dr. Kahng left it was noted that this will not come back to the GFS for review but would go to the Provost for their assistance in forwarding on their the appropriate channels.

Awards Committee

Dr. Chakraborty indicated that the Faculty Mentor decisions were due by December 15 and that the committee had received 15 nominations.

Other new business

Graduate Faculty Forum-Report from Senators present and other faculty input

Dr. Bowles indicated that he thought the consensus was favorable on Recommendation 9, which is GFS return control of graduate course modifications to existing courses back to colleges, and Recommendation 10, which is GFS return control of new professional course approvals and modifications of existing professional courses to the colleges. He felt the group was reluctant to approve Recommendation 11, which is GFS consider the possibility and
implications of return control of all new graduate course approvals back to the colleges and Recommendation 12, which is GFS consider the possibility and implications of returning control of the curriculum (degrees, minors and certificates) to the colleges. Concerns with the GFS doing approval of courses were that it takes too long. Some felt the some colleges do more oversight of their courses and whether the GFS should review courses and how what should they be reviewing.

A motion and second were made to adopt Recommendations 9 and 10 to return courses to the colleges and with regard to Recommendation 11 to further define how reviewing courses is to occur. Discussion followed. The motion was defeated.

A new motion and second were made to accept Recommendation 10 to return control of new professional course approvals and modification of existing professional course to the colleges. The motion was approved.

A motion and second were made to define the oversight role and provide guidelines on GFS continuing to review new graduate courses. The motion was approved.

**Admissions Subcommittee**

The Admissions Subcommittee is working on its tasks but would like to suggest that the minimum TOEFL score be raised on campus.

**Functions Subcommittee**

The Functions Subcommittee was given the task of reviewing two core function of GFS: Policy and Curriculum. Other functions that could be considered include Student/faculty Grievances and scholarships. Tentative ideas for change include:

GFS as strategic body
- Should GFS be move involved in shaping questions on our mission – What is graduate education experience at Mizzou?
- Should GFS consider more frequent campus level interactions with higher leadership to shape graduate school policy in system with other campus level initiatives.
- Should GFS consider more campus level resources.

GFS as an oversight body
- Should GFS minimize investment in curriculum evaluation
- Should GFS consider oversight into the health of small graduate programs that might need resources in cases where unit DGS’s have limited power to increases course offerings, attract high-level graduate students and post-docs etc.
- Should the GFS involve more into students and graduate faculty grievances?

Another discussion item would be voting representation for student rep.

**Collected Rules Subcommittee Report**
The subcommittee had received their materials but had not had time to review the material.

Dr. Bowles asked all the subcommittees to hold meetings before the January GFS meeting.

**Resolutions**

There were no resolutions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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