

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 15, 2010
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair, Dr. Joseph Delfino, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Peggy Wallace, Dr. Kim Walsh-Childers, Ms. Alexandra Wynne (GSC)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Sharleen Simpson, Mr. Matthew Goldstein (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Steve Pritz (Registrar), Dr. Zina Evans (Admissions)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt (recording)

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dean Frierson thanked the retiring Council members for their service: Dr. Delfino, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Wallace, and Dr. Walsh-Childers

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the March 18, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Assessment of PhD Programs.** Dean Frierson led the discussion about the PhD Assessment report. This project was initiated 2 years ago at the request of President Machen. Council members received the data sets that were recently sent to the college deans. There are nine criterion indicators used to provide statistics for all PhD programs on campus. Dean Frierson explained that the statistics have not been used by central administration to allocate resources. However, the data in the report can be useful for faculty to better assess their programs based on the nine criterion indicators employed. Other statistics can provide demographic information such as average GRE scores, GPAs, job placement summaries, etc. that were not included as criterion indicators.
2. **Interdisciplinary education.** Dr. Gerhardt has been in conversation with various Senate policy councils. The document presented was drafted to help the senate councils present something to the faculty senate because RCM may create disincentives for

interdisciplinary work. Infrastructure processes and budget models should not create a disincentive to faculty who want to engage in interdisciplinary education. The Faculty Senate may take up this issue in the next academic year.

- 3. Update on Graduate Student Bill of Rights.** Ms. Alexandra Wynne, President, Graduate Student Council, led a discussion of a graduate student document that has changed in scope from a Bill of Rights to a Statement of Principles. These changes were suggested by General Counsel and approved by the Graduate Student Council and the Student Senate. The Graduate Student Council is prepared to submit it to the Graduate Council for their consideration and, if approved, the Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2010