

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

October 25, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

President's Conference Room

Council in Attendance:

Stephan Warnat (Engineering)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Wade Hill (Nursing)
Catherine Dunlop (Letters)
Marc Giullian (Business)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Michael Everts (Architecture)
Scott Powell (Agriculture, substituting for Jane Mangold)
Brennan Reeves (Office of International Programs)
Jennifer Thomson (Faculty Senate)
Heidi Koenig (Student Representative)
Craig Ogilvie (Dean of The Graduate School)

Also in Attendance:

Emily Peters (Graduate School)
Susan Raph (Nursing, Associate Dean)

Absent:

Arts Representative
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Brian Rossmann (Library)

Meeting started at 1:00 pm

October 11, 2022 minutes

- Motion to approve by Reines, 2nd by Franklin, motion passes unanimously

Announcements

- **Update from the Dean**
 - Grad Fair October 26th-28th
 - Junior/Senior night October 26th
 - First Generation Day November 9th
 - Graduate School Compassion Week October 24th-28th
 - University's goal to increase quality and number of international enrollment, eventually reaching an additional 1,000 graduate students in several years

- Focus is likely graduate students in professional master's programs (e.g. arch, public admin, environmental science, computer science, cybersecurity, MENG degrees).
 - Faculty will have opportunity to shape the development of this plan.
 - When these companies come to visit MSU, an opportunity to get faculty and graduate student feedback
 - May be helpful to bring to faculty senate when plans are further defined
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 - Discussion on housing
 - Plan to request BOR permission for additional university housing, possibly apartments, on campus
 - University Student Housing is discussing how to prioritize f new graduate students
 - The international recruiting company may sign a master's lease off campus to reserve housing for international students
 - Discussion on need for faculty and staff in departments and central units like grad school and OIP to keep up with increased enrollment
- **Faculty Senate update (Thomson):**
 - Informational items: employee ADA and appeal policy, research misconduct policy
 - Allison Harmon provided VPR office overview
 - Bill McKenny from Dean of Students presented code of conduct updates
 - Once code of conduct policy is updated, UGC can discuss this policy
 - Megan Lasso and Provost to talk about faculty salary at the upcoming meeting
 - Governor's budget going to the legislature with 4% raise

Old Business

- DNMW-DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Midwife new program proposal
 - Revisions were added to CiM: letter of support, IHS does hire midwives and they are eligible for loan repayment, midwives can setup their own independent practice, employment opportunities are abundant
 - Warnat motions to approve, Reinert seconds
 - Proposal passes: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

New Business

- Feedback on draft limits to GTA appointments
 - 2 main motivations: best interest of the student, opportunities for new students to get funding
 - Proposing 10 semester limit on the number of semesters doctoral students can receive GTA and tuition waiver. Receive notice ~1 year in advance. The department head could request an extension. Want to encourage people to finish within the limit, but still provide flexibility for life circumstances.
 - What if appointment is half GTA half GRA?
 - Current proposal is if more than 1/3 of the time, that would count as a GTA semester

- Humanities PhD programs don't have external funding: would need slightly longer
- Currently ~5% of graduate students are over the proposed limit, with some students between 20 and 26 semesters
- Balance between supporting experienced GTAs and giving new students an opportunity
- Review and send feedback to Dean Ogilvie

- Continuous enrollment policy draft (policy subcommittee)
 - Audit fee language: "may" charge a fee in exceptional cases
 - Adding considerations for returning student regarding funding
 - Added: Previously arranged funding is not guaranteed upon re-enrollment and will need to be re-evaluated.
 - Potential vote at next meeting

- Bylaws state that the Vice Chair should be elected
 - Review at next meeting

- Subcommittee Updates

Adjourned at 2:22 pm

Next scheduled meeting – November 15, 2022