

Graduate Council Minutes
April 18, 2018 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
IRIC 321

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| X | Jerry McMurtry | X | Ben Hunter | | Fahmid Tousif |
| X | Esmael Alyami | X | Jill Johnson | X | Greg Turner-Rahman |
| X | Julie Amador - phone | X | Gordon Murdoch | X | Daniel Strawn |
| X | Jeff Bailey | X | Mark Warner for KQ | | Elowyn Yager - phone |
| | Laura Holyoke | X | Alistair Smith | | Ata Zadehgo |

- I. Approval of the minutes from March 28, 2018
 - Warner moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.
 - Approved: 8 in-favor, 2 abstentions.

- II. Announcements and Reports
 - A. Innovation Showcase
 - Judges are needed for the Innovation Showcase on April 25.
 - B. AGEP Update
 - UI received a one year no-cost extension on the AGEP grant. There are funds for recruitment activities.
 - McMurtry applied for a supplemental grant for Indigenous Knowledge Field Camp. Maine and Colorado will be included on this.
 - UI, WSU, Heritage College, and Alaska will likely apply for the next AGEP grant.
 - C. 3MT
 - This took place April 2.
 - It was recorded and will be made available to colleges. Deans have used these videos in the past to show to advisory boards, etc.
 - It will be moved to February next year so that the winner(s) can be sent to the Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS) 3MT competition at the annual WAGS meeting in March.
 - D. University Faculty Meeting
 - The new Graduate Support Assistant position will be voted on at the next University Faculty Meeting on April 25.

- III. Discussion
 - A. Student Petition
 - Graduate Council members reviewed/discussed a petition for a Ph.D. student who wanted a person with a Master's Degree on their dissertation committee.
 - Questions/comments:
 - Is this request just so that the faculty member gets credit for his efforts? If so, his efforts could be properly recognized in the "Acknowledgements" of the dissertation.
 - Not a very robust articulation of how this faculty's expertise is valuable and necessary here.
 - Is there someone else on the committee with similar expertise? Yes.
 - There is not a strong letter of rational from the major professor.

- Members felt that since there was someone else on the committee with the same expertise, then it doesn't justify overturning the dean's previous decision.
 - Smith moved to approve this petition. Seconded by Warner.
 - Petition failed: 9 votes against, 1 abstention.
- B. 3-year degrees
- COGS requires attainment of a 4-year degree for admission into a graduate program. McMurtry is starting this discussion with Graduate Council now, as it will be coming to GC soon for decision.
 - We look at 4 years as "time in seat," whereas WES looks at it more holistically.
 - Smith stated 3-year Bachelor's degree is standard in England. The first year of college is completed in the last year of high school.
 - Currently, we use Navitas' evaluation and recommendation on students with these types of degrees.
 - Members expressed that this feels like "Navitas creep" because they have something to gain from us changing our admissions policy.
 - McMurtry stated that Navitas wants to work well with us.
 - Discussion will continue next academic year.
- C. TA Processing
- The TA processing guidelines were reviewed with councilmembers.
- D. Navitas
- McMurtry reviewed Navitas stats:
 - 11 graduate students came to UI
 - 2 left – one for a fully funded research position at another institution, and one had to go home because of a family medical issue.
 - Average incoming GPA was 2.91. All had 3.0+ in the Fall.
 - Students reported they had a good relationship with COGS staff.
 - Projections for next year?
 - McMurtry hopes for upper 20's.
 - Applications are up, but visa approvals are down.

Adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Future Meetings:

May 9

All meetings are on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 321.