

**Graduate Council Meeting Agenda**  
**April 24, 2019 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**IRIC 105**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	Jaap Vos (CAA)
X	Julie Amador (EHHS)	X	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
X	Jeff Bailey (CBE)	X	Alistair Smith (CNR)	X	Ata Zadehgoi (ENGR)
X	Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)	X	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Shiva Adhikari (GPSA)
X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	David Tank (COS)	X	Ananth Jillepalli (GPSA)

- I. Approval of the minutes from April 10, 2019
  - Adhikari moved to approve. Seconded by Smith.
  - Approved with one abstention (Heinse)
  
- II. Announcements and Reports
  - A. Terms ending – Ata Zadehgoi (1<sup>st</sup> term)
  - B. Innovation Showcase – we had 38 presentations
  - C. LSAMP Grant
    - Pre-award site visit scheduled for May 7. The award will fully fund students for 2 years, and the department will fund them the rest of their academic career. Native American students in STEM.
  - D. PSM Update
    - We are in the process of rebuilding the PSM program. Hope to have programs ready to go soon.
  - E. Report of COGS Petitions
    - McMurtry and Lana Unger described the COGS petitions that were handled during AY 2019-20.
  
- III. Discussion
  - A. Short Term Parental Leave Policy (GPSA) – Connor Hill
    - Connor Hill, incoming GPSA President, presented GPSA’s parental leave policy proposal to Graduate Council.  
 --Hill asked WSU for the usage and cost of their policy, but he hasn’t yet heard back.  
 --BSU does not have a parental leave policy for students.
    - Liz Brandt advised Hill to keep the policy in line with the faculty policy.
    - Questions:
      - Q: if a TA is on parental leave, would someone fill in for them? Answer: Not sure how it would be dealt with.
      - Q: how would this be paid for? Answer: WSU has a pot of money for this. GPSA will put in an IBFC request for a such a pool.
      - Q: could another TA fill in? Answer: No. TA’s cannot work more than 20 hours per week. The TA could be put on an additional TH appointment and work less than 10 additional hours per week.
      - There was confusion about whether this is paid or unpaid leave. Hill will clear that up in the proposal.
    - Bailey moved to approve. Seconded by Smith.  
 --Approved unanimously.

- B. Change of Curriculum Form Update
  - Smith suggested adding a signature line for the DGS to sign the Graduate Change of Curriculum form.
  - After a short discussion, it was decided to change the signature line to say “Department Chair / Program Director”
  - Bailey moved to approve. Seconded by Quinnett.  
--Approved with one abstention (Murdoch)
- C. FCS Graduate Faculty Request
  - Family and Consumer Science Department Chair asked to amend the list of graduate faculty in her department.
  - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Yager.  
--Approved with one abstention (Strawn)
- D. 500/600 Credit Limitations Follow-up
  - CNR faculty have issue with non-thesis research credits being used toward a doctorate. It is not the same bar as doctoral research.
  - Murdoch expressed concern with making it more difficult for students here than for transfer students.
  - Zadehgoi would like to take it to his faculty for discussion/input.
  - Yager is concerned that this creates two classes of students – those who earned a Masters and those who skipped the Masters and went straight for the PhD.
  - Many members are not in favor of 599 credits being allowed on the PhD study plan.
  - Members were encouraged to talk to their faculty and bring feedback to a future meeting.
- E. Graduate Faculty Committee Update
  - Members of the Graduate Faculty Committee Task Force discussed two options. Option A – current proposed language. Option B – amended language if QTT goes through Faculty Senate.
  - Suggestion was made to add DAT faculty to the section for non-thesis program.
  - Smith asked councilmembers to read both options. This will come back to a future meeting for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Fall meetings TBD

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific)