

## **Minutes of the Graduate Council (GC)**

**February 18, 2019 from 11:00am – 12:30pm in the Maryland Room**

Attendance: Steve Fetter, Jeff Franke, Ryan Long, Jessica Fernandez, Wendy Moe, Elizabeth Beise, ann Weeks, Jeffrey Klauda, Wayne slater, Sarah Grun, Martin Rabenhorst, Gang Qu, Min Xie, Kevin McGiver, Larry Washington, Liana Sayer, Christopher Hanson, Kerry Green, Annie Rappaport, BinBin Peng, Ashwini Tambe, Ana Taboada Barber, Sheung Lu

- I. Welcome
  - a. Dean Fetter welcomed councilors and started the meeting at 11:03 am.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes for the November 27, 2018 meeting
  - a. The minutes for November 27, 2018 were approved with no changes.
  
- III. Announcements
  - i. For AY 19-20 Fellowships, the Graduate School will increase the number of FF and Wylie offers. This is a one-time increase since it was done with one-time money. For AY 19-20, we will offer 70 Flagships and 70 Wylies (up from 40 and 50 respectively). It is our hope to significantly increase recruitment efforts with the Flagship Fellowship, and also help to decrease time to degree with the Wylie Fellowship.
  - ii. The Graduate School Centennial Luncheon will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Samuel L Riggs Alumni Center. The luncheon will be focused on discussions about the future of graduate education. The Graduate Council is invited. More details about this event will be available soon.
  - iii. Candidacy Tea will be on May 20, 2019 at the University House. Our first Candidacy Tea was in December. We will be hosting this tea at the end of each semester to celebrate those students who recently reached candidacy. Invitations will be sent to candidates and their advisors. The Graduate Council is invited as well.
  - iv. The Fellowship and Awards Celebration will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, in the PG Room and Lounge in Stamp. This event celebrates student who are recipients of AY 18-19 Graduate School Fellowships and Awards. Invitations will be send after Spring Break. The Graduate Council is invited as well.
  
- IV. Discussion Topics
  - a. Professional Doctorate Policy

Steve Roth provided an overview of how Graduate School policy currently handles Professional Doctorate by using terms associated with PhD degree. He outlined these main elements.

- i. Professional doctorate programs include coursework, field work, professional practice. It's rigorous and advancement of candidacy mirrors that of a PhD, but it has a different feel, and it is not research based.
- ii. Professional track faculty (PTK) are best positioned to advise these students and membership on Graduate Faculty is required. PTK faculty are not granted Full Membership on the Graduate Faculty, but doctoral committees are required to be chaired by a full member.
- iii. Currently, the committees for students in professional doctorate programs are often made up of a series of exceptions from the Graduate School.

Council Members discussed Graduate Faculty Membership issues and PTK Faculty.

- i. Issues raised about how lecturers are not members of Graduate Faculty. Jeff Franke provided clarification by explaining that if a lecturer has a PhD and an appointment at UMD, then he/she can be nominated to be an Associate Member.
- ii. Need to look at lecturers vs. assistant research professor appointment categories. Lecturers primary responsibility to teach. Sometimes PhD students are brought on as lecturers. Principal lecturers would be ideal to serve on the professional doctorate committees. The real question is what are the qualifications needed to be an Associate Member. Right now this is not clearly stated in the policy.
- iii. Additional concern about the varying requirements of professional doctorates. Proposal uses the words "Primary affiliation". Example raised regarding Music committees. Many times, a Music committee member's primary job is NSO, not UMD. Using the word "Primary" in this example would not work. Maybe a "strong" affiliation with UMD.
- iv. Summary: two main concerns were raised: 1) the use of the word "Primary affiliation" needs to be addressed, and 2) we need clarification of who can be an Associate Member and who can chair a PTK committee.

Ideas discussed regarding Issue #1

- Primary Affiliation vs. Substantial / Strong Affiliation
- Primary Academic Affiliation (can't be affiliated with another university)
- Take out that descriptor completely and rely on the program and the Graduate School to determine on a case by case basis.

Ideas discussed regarding Issue #2

- Chairs – we want associate members to be able to chair a prof doctorate committee:

- We could add another Grad Faculty Category to accommodate this PTK Grad Faculty membership issue.
- We could add a question on the Graduate Faculty nomination form, “if nominating as Associate Member, does program approve this person to be a chair of Professional Doctorate Committee?”

Dean Fetter summarized by saying the goals of a Prof doctorate are different. It’s training and expertise rather than creating knowledge. We want these students to go through a rigorous process to earn their degree. The new policy will explain what a professional doctorate is and how it’s different.

These ideas will be incorporated for the next Grad Council Meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. New Business

- a. Dean Fetter invites council members to have input on the agenda items discussed at our monthly meetings.
- b. Topics shared by committee include:
  - Graduate Outcome Assessment
  - Graduate Faculty Policy (clarify language for Associate Membership)
  - Graduate Assistantship – training requirements for TA’s
  - Membership on committee requirements (working group may be appointed)
  - Insuring integrity of degrees.
  - Discussion on whether or not we should have a syllabus policy
  - Training re: misconduct
  - Fee Structure for 899

#### VI. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm.
- b. Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 10:00am-11:30am