**Minutes of the Graduate Council (GC) for March 29, 2017**

**Present:** Andrews, Beise, Besharov, Bruck, Dalglish, Davis, Dougherty, Franke (*Chair*), Girvan, Hildy, Kim, King Rice, Klauda, Liao, Lucas, McIver, Moeller, Neubert, Rozenblit, Schwarber, Tambe, Tao, Wentzel

Staff: Chen

1. ***Approval of Minutes***

Minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2017 were approved with no emendations.

1. ***Updates***

***Graduate Outcomes Assessment***

Dean Franke informed the Council that GOA has been suspended for a year. Draft GOA guidelines were distributed for implementation in Fall 2017. Dean Franke encouraged councilors to review this draft with DGS/CGS who complete assessments for their programs and to provide feedback to the GS. The GS hopes that developing the new GOA plan will be a collaborative effort and solicit student and program feedback throughout the process.

A robust discussion followed regarding outcomes assessment for doctoral programs. Several counselors noted that there is difficulty in the assessment of doctoral programs because the basis of doctoral programs is autonomous research, not coursework that is graded. Therefore, there must be flexibility between programs to assess what skill sets and knowledge the doctoral student should acquire throughout their doctoral career.

1. ***New Business***

***Graduate Policy Changes Review and Approval***

Dean Franke informed the council that the University has approved a non-standard 12-week term system. This 12-week term system is targeted mainly for professional programs and will be piloted in Fall 2017. IT systems have been updated to recognize this 12-week term system.

Associate Dean Chen reviewed proposed changes to GS policy

1. Non-degree admission (GC2017-001) – approved
2. Graduate Credit Permission Form (GC2017-004) – approved with clarification that there are no restrictions on undergraduates taking graduate courses, just a restriction on what and how many credits may be counted toward a graduate degree.
3. Washington Consortium Agreement (GC2017-006) - approved
4. GPA Computation (GC2017-007) – approved
5. Incomplete Grades (GC2017-008) – not approved; GS will review undergraduate policy for incomplete grades and determine how graduate policy should address this issue given nuances of graduate coursework that differs from undergraduate coursework.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon.