

**Graduate Council
Minutes
September 20, 2017
8:00-9:00 a.m. BA 205a**

In attendance: Jim Bailey, Susan Thackeray, Jeff Maxfield, Mary Sowder, Reed Criddle, Kristi Askew, Elijah Neilson, Jeff Peterson, Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Christopher Goslin, David Connelly

Staff in attendance: Shauna Reher, William Neal

Minutes

April 10, 2017 minutes were approved.

MBA Summer Schedule

The MBA is proposing a 10 week summer session.

The MBA would like this change to help with the challenge of getting faculty to teach during the summer. This would allow them to teach and still have a vacation.

There were concerns with the increased workload on students as well as quality issues due to some content being eliminated when the schedule is condensed.

When polled, students preferred to work harder in order to have a vacation.

It was suggested that a pilot be done for one year and the results be evaluated.

There was a motion to approve a one year pilot with faculty being asked not to cut back on the course content and an evaluation being done at the end. Motion passed.

Graduate Faculty for the College of Technology & Computing

The following faculty were approved for the College of Technology & Computing:

Robert Jorgensen – associate member

The following faculty were tabled:

Todd Peterson – needs more scholarship

Graduate Faculty for the Woodbury School of Business

The following faculty were approved for the Woodbury School of Business:

Qianwen Bi – full member

James Mortensen – professional member

Brett Dahle – professional member

Jared Chapman – full member

Kyle Allen – full member

Brigham Griffin – professional member

Reed Parkin – professional member

The following faculty were tabled:

Bernd Kupka – need updated vitae

Peter Warmbier – need current update from dissertation chair

Graduate Faculty for the School of Education

The following faculty were approved for the School of Education:

Lorilynn Brandt – full member
Emily Swan – professional member
Jane Carlson – associate member

Graduate Faculty for the College of Health & Public Service

The following faculty were approved for the College of Health & Public Service:

Ryan Vogel – full member
Michael Smidt – associate member

The following faculty were tabled:

Dan Waddington – need evidence of completion of PhD

Graduate Faculty for the College of Science

The following faculty were approved for the College of Science:

Violeta Vasilevska – full member

Graduate Faculty for the College of Humanities & Social Science

The following faculty were approved for the College of Humanities & Social Science:

Angelea Panos – full member
Martin McDonnell – full member

Policy 655 – Graduate Faculty

There was an issue with the interpretation of section 4.2.1.1 in Policy 655. The intent was to allow tenure-track faculty to qualify as full members. Because there is a comma missing, one of the deans interpreted it differently. Jeff Olson was going to add a comma and notify the Board of Trustees, however; there is also some clarification needed on the lecturer position, so a limited scope change may need to be done. The issue will be discussed further at another Graduate Council meeting.

Graduate Faculty Application Form

The form is being revised. Council members were asked to provide feedback to Jim Bailey before the next meeting. The signature line for the department chair will also include program director.

Graduate Student Appeals

There were three appeals on GPA that a Graduate Council Subcommittee approved. It was suggested that the subcommittee consist of at least three people. A graduate council representative from the school/college requesting the appeal should not be on the subcommittee.

Graduate Council Schedule

It was suggested that a set time be established for the Graduate Council meetings. Those serving on the council should plan their schedule around that time to avoid the difficulty of trying to find a time

when everyone can meet. For now, the meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 8-9am