

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) Meeting
September 17, 2019
Final Minutes

Call to Order: 11.00 a.m. by Steven Williamson, Chairperson

Voting Members Present: Dag Naslund, Tim Bell, Mina Balamoune, Drew Thoeni and Steven Williamson – a quorum was present.

Voting Members Absent: Oliver Schnusenberg

Non-voting Members present: Dawn Russell (via phone) Amy Bishop

Non-voting members absent: Bob Schupp, and Chris Johnson

Guests: Mark Dawkins

Drew Thoeni was welcomed as Marketing's appointed interim GCC representative.

This meeting recognizes the electronic votes that took place based on a need to move three APCs. First two MBA Management APCs that had previously been through both the GCC and the College faculty required minor changes and again were voted on, passed and moved through the process to the University APC committee. A third APC to separate the Global MBA from the MBA was needed for accreditation purposes. This occurred during the summer-fall intersession and the GCC was asked for an electronic vote. After a majority of the GCC had voted in favor of the APC, Williamson moved the APC to the College for an electronic vote. For the record, the final GCC vote was unanimous in favor of moving the APC to the College. The College voted electronically and the results strongly favored moving the APC to the University. Drew raised a question regarding how discussion would occur when electronic votes are called with little notice. Mark stated the existing rules allow for thirteen faculty to request an in-person vote, which would then allow for discussion, if so desired.

This meeting was called to receive a report on graduate enrollment from Amy Bishop and downtown enrollment by Chris Johnson. Also, on the agenda was the consideration of any outstanding APCs ready for a vote. Additionally, considering the College By-law changes on term limits the GCC member composition was discussed as both new and old business.

College By-law changes and committee term limits were first discussed. It was the consensus of the committee and the ruling of Dean Dawkins that all By-Laws changes were prospective taking effect at the end of the then current term of committee members. In which case all members of the GCC were either completing their first term or beginning the first year of their second term. Drew pointed out that members of the Marketing department had a different understanding. Discussion briefly ensued, but opinions remained unchanged. A vote was then held to elect a committee chairperson. Dag nominated Steven and the nomination was seconded by Mina. Steven accepted the nomination and a vote was taken. Steven was elected as Chairperson on a 4 yes, 1 abstain vote count.

Amy and Dean Dawkins speaking for Chris then presented Coggins graduate enrollment numbers. Our numbers in both our MBA and MSM program were increasing. A brief discussion ensued regarding the number of exceptions (students not meeting admission criteria) admitted and enrolled. The numbers appeared reasonable to the committee. Lastly, the GCC discussed the President's defunding of Coggin's Flagship programs – as there is nothing that the GCC can do regarding the President's action, the discussion was dropped.

Committee members were asked about APCs from their department and the need for moving them through the system. A discussion was held on whether we needed to meet again to discuss these once they were ready for a vote. In the opinion of the chair, unless any of the APCs deal with changing a graduate core course, a meeting probably isn't necessary. Or stated another way, if the APC only affected an elective, its passage through the committee could be handled via an electronic vote and if approved by the GCC it could be sent on to the Dean's office for an electronic vote by the faculty at large.

Steven asked the GCC members to keep him informed about any departmental curriculum or program issues that needed the GCC's attention.

No future meeting is scheduled at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 11.45