

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

11-12:30pm

Library CR1

Council in Attendance:

John Borkowski (Sciences)

Robert Rydell (Letters)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Brock Smith (Agriculture)

James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)

Abigail Richards (Faculty Senate)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Tena Versland (Education)

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Amanda Brown (Graduate School)

David Carlisle (OIP)

Absent:

Dennis Aig (Arts)

Meeting started at 11:00am

April 11, 2018 minutes

- Livingston moves, Al-Kaisy second, unanimous approval

Announcements

- **Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock/Richards)**
 - Several Level II proposals are being discussed
 - MAT on BoR agenda for September
- **Update: DPC**
 - Graduation Celebration, April 27 @ 3:30 in Alumni Legacy Lounge

Old Business

- **Reporting of Comprehensive Exams requirement, discussion of draft proposal (Al-Kaisy)**
 - Document was posted to shared drive for review last week
 - Discussion on reporting, naming/defining exams, purpose of exams, changing policy to include master's policy (current focus: PhD)
 - Revisit fall 2018
- **Master of Science in Dietetic Systems Leadership (DSL-MS) proposal (Livingston)**
 - Approved by UGC and sent to Faculty Senate with a letter attached
- **Doctor of Philosophy in Psychological Science (PYSC-PHD) proposal (Livingston)**
 - Degree name change only
 - Approved by UGC and sent forward

- **MSU Library, ex officio non-voting member request (Hoo)**
 - Library sent memo to the GS; the GS forward to UGC Chair and Vice Chair for review
 - Q: Library didn't specifically request non-voting, what should UGC do?
 - Voting would be a bylaw change
 - Need time to process change
 - Concerns would adding a member from Library be critical? Would we be expanding Council unnecessarily?
 - Some agreement that more members aren't necessarily helpful; what the Library could bring to the meetings may not be critical input
 - UGC Chair is neutral about adding a Library member
 - Other members also unconcerned as long as Library is non-voting member
 - Comment: Library being aware and informed about Council discussions (e.g., program proposals, graduate student needs, and so on) could be helpful to larger campus perspective
 - UGC Chair will send memo to entire Council for review—send feedback by end of next week—and re-visit when Council reconvenes in fall 2018
- **Dean Hoo and Chair Borkowski meeting with L&S Dean next week to ask L&S to pilot draft of a handbook template**

New Business

- **Should Council write IIP application template? Dean Hoo asks Council to think about it**
- **BS/MS in Computer Science (Livingston/Hoo)**
 - Not yet in UGC queue in CiM
 - CS wants to reserve 12 credits (policy allows 9) when student is undergrad senior and will not double-count any credits
 - Will be MS Plan A (Thesis)
 - CS hoping to recruit PhD students from their own undergraduates
 - Dean Hoo concerned proposal does not require GRE subject test
 - GRE CS subject test has value
 - Worries if students leave with MS to go to another PhD program, external program will likely require GRE and could reflect poorly on MSU admission's quality
 - Will review when Council reconvenes fall 2018

Special sub-committee

- Provost's Award for Graduate Research/Creativity Mentoring revision
 - Still in revisions, trying to accommodate issues that came up in previous rounds of the award: years at MSU, numbers of students worked with (these items bias faculty who've been at MSU longest)
 - Changing "weight" of scoring criteria to make scoring fairer between masters/PhD and longtime faculty/newer faculty
 - Will send to Council for feedback when ready, to be discussed when Council reconvenes fall 2018

Student rep Bills thanks Council for allowing her to serve and remarks that she would be happy to serve next year.

Adjourned at 12:20 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Fall 2018 schedule TBD