

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

11am-12pm

Library CR1

Council in Attendance:

John Borkowski (Sciences)

James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Robert Rydell (Letters)

Fabian Menalled (Agriculture)

Karlene Hoo (The Graduate School)

Dennis Aig (Arts)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Kathryn Bills (Student Representative)

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Tena Versland (Education)

Michael Babcock (Faculty Senate)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Amanda Brown (Graduate School)

Absent:

Marc Giullian (Business)

Meeting started at 11:04am

Nov 28, 2017 minutes

- Livingston moves, Aig second, unanimous approval

Announcements

- **Update: Faculty Senate (Babcock/Richards)**
 - Welcome to Abbie Richards (FS chair-elect)
 - Approved a number of MSSE course number changes (formerly 591 Special Topics courses, now hard-numbered)
 - School Superintendent certificate program going through FS today
- **Provost's Award for graduate research and creativity mentoring, winner (Hoo)**
 - Matthew Fields, Center for Biofilm Engineering, winner
 - Provost's Office asks UGC to re-write criteria of award
 - Dean Hoo asks for volunteers for an ad-hoc sub-committee to re-write the call
 - Volunteers: Tena Versland, John Borkowski, Ahmed Al-Kaisy, Jean Shreffler-Grant
- **125th Celebration (Rydell)**
 - Series of events to celebrate and book written by Dr. Rydell
 - Every month in 2018 a different college/unit will host activities
- **Junior/Senior Night, event held by Grad School (DPC)**
 - Select juniors and seniors invited to informational event; students will receive email from The Graduate School
 - Jan 30th, 5:30 pm, Jake Jabs 315

Old Business

- **MAT Proposal (Livingston)**
 - Email sent to Council with explanation regarding differences between MAT (MA in Teaching) and MAEE (MA in English Ed) proposals and other programs on campus, like MS in Science Education.
 - MAT is initial licensure program, others are for in-service teachers (like MSSE program, MS in Mathematics, Math Ed program, etc.)
 - Concern raised regarding heavy reliance on NTT faculty—when funding is cut, NTT are the first to be lost—could be cost to students/learning outcomes, instability in program
 - At MSU, some agreement that NTT faculty teaching courses is commonplace and a program like MSSE currently relies heavily on NTT and is productive
 - Concerned that creating a program MSU can't afford on the T/TT lines might be a program that MSU truly can't afford
 - Q: Has Dept of Education submitted proposal to hire a new T/TT faculty for this program?
 - Robert Carson (former director of Northern Plains Transition to Teaching (NPTT) program, which is ending) will initially transition into MAT program as a tenured instructor
 - MAT is essentially a replacement for NPTT
 - Other NPTT instructors also planned to teach courses for MAT
 - Not sure what next hires will be
 - Letter from UGC should include info about NTT concern
 - Chair calls for a motion
 - Menalled moves to send proposal forward to Faculty Senate, Versland second, pass with one abstention
 - Livingston will compose letter from UGC to Dept of Ed to send with proposal to FS
 - Will route letter through UGC to send letter to FS by Jan 24th
- **Graduate Faculty Status (GFS) (Borkowski)**
 - At Nov 28th meeting, Council discussed:
 - Proposal not acceptable in current form to move forward—including motivation to create GFS and the benefits/value of it
 - Concerned GFS could become productivity measure for university; could create “class” issues between faculty
 - Concerns from faculty in colleges conveyed to UGC representatives
 - At today's meeting:
 - Q: what is timeline for new workload policy?
 - Faculty Senate members: out of Joint Academic Governance Steering Committee (JAGS) and being sent to entire FS, Deans' Council, and Provost for review
 - Q: Should UGC wait to table GFS based on workload policy timeline? What does the workload policy draft say?
 - FS: The workload draft charges units to come up with a workload plan and recognizes the mentoring of PhD students as teaching (not research) to encourage faculty receiving “credit” for mentoring
 - Council agreement to wait to decide on GFS until workload policy reviewed
- **Department Handbooks (Borkowski)**
 - Will send current template to Council for review and feedback
 - Borkowski, Al-Kaisy, Versland, and Bills current ad-hoc committee

- **PhD Enhancement Awards deadline is Friday**
 - Ad-hoc committee will be formed as soon as closes

Adjourned at 12pm

Next scheduled meeting – January 31, 2018 at 11 am