

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, January 28, 2019

2-3pm

ABB 145

Council in Attendance:

Ahmed Al-Kaisy (Engineering)

Jean Shreffler-Grant (Nursing)

Brock Smith (Agriculture)

James Becker (Health & Human Development)

Dennis Aig (Arts)

Robert Rydell (Letters & Science)

Sara Mannheimer (Library)

Tena Versland (Education)

Sobia Anjum (Student Representative)

Ron Larsen (Interim Dean of The Graduate School)

Marc Giullian (Business)

Nicolas Yunes (Letters & Science)

Yujian Wang (International Programs)

Eric Austin (Faculty Senate)

Also in Attendance:

Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Stephanie Vigano (Graduate School)

Absent:

Christopher Livingston (Architecture)

Meeting started at 2:00 pm

Nov 14 & 28, 2018 minutes

- Motion to approve made by Versland, 2nd by Giullian, unanimously passed.

Announcements

- **Faculty Senate update** (Austin)
 - Eric Austin to be replacing Brett Walker.
 - Workload Policy – endorsement/approval anticipated by next Faculty Senate meeting.
- **Graduate School update**
 - 19 certificates, 125 M & EdS, 26 PhD & (2) EdD, and 3 DNP awarded for Fall 2018.
 - Spring deadline for graduation applications – February 5th
 - Dr. Ron Larsen – Discussion of potential changes to procedures and constraints:
 - No longer penalizing department if students who receive a Doctoral Completion Award fail to complete in the agreed upon timeline.
 - Discussion of PhD Enhancement Funds, number of requests per department based upon size, and intent of awards. Deadline to request Thursday 1/31/19.
 - Volunteers for reviewing PhD Enhancement Awards (to be completed by next meeting) – Mark Giullian, James Becker, Sara Mannheimer.
 - Graduate School working on a number of SIP Proposals
 - Recruiting: GRE scores currently being purchased in a wider range of fields and a series of emails is sent to potential students based on these scores. Proposal will ask for funding to continue on a larger scale and to purchase a wider range of resources.

- Stipends: Nonstandard proposal aims to improve stipend levels for GTAs. Strategies for how to accomplish this and parameters being discussed.
- Travel Award Requests – discussion of funding and criteria for accepting travel awards. Travel should help students move forward in their program or profession.
- Cell Biology and Neuroscience Update: Neuroscience program has been asked to submit a plan to the CLS Dean for growing their PhD program.

Old Business

- **Reporting of Comprehensive Exam requirement**
 - Chair Al-Kaisy summarizes issue and policy proposed (Mastery of Foundations Exam)
 - Document was posted on GS website for campus feedback and comments
 - Copies provided of most recent edited draft for UGC to review for next meeting

Adjourned at 3:04 pm

Next scheduled meeting – Monday, February 11, 2019. 2:00 – 3:00 PM in ABB 145.