Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2024


1. Meeting called at 8:31
2. Approval of January Minutes, motioned by B. McFadden, seconded by G. Morris
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2024
   a. March 20
   b. April 3 (to accommodate PhD reviews)
   c. May 8
   d. Program proposals and major changes need to be submitted to OGPS by the first Wednesday of the month
4. Announcements
   a. April 15th Resolution – we’re a part of the resolution, put out by the Council of Graduate Schools
   b. PhD reviews – Cell Biology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Neuroscience, Psychology
   c. Allowable overlap of credits in joint degree programs – only 25% of credits can overlap
   d. 4+1 programs and credits – only six credits can count for both degrees. Student can earn another 6 hours beyond what is required for their undergraduate degree which can be applied to their graduate degree
5. Revisions to the Unified Graduate Honor Code – Vote
   a. Some modifications to make sure that the code reflects a broader set of possibilities for professional students as well as research-based graduate students
   b. Current proposal for the panel is 3 students and 2 faculty. Many of our peers have a faculty majority whereas we have a student majority.
      i. Students are often more stringent. This panel is a panel of students’ peers, and the honor is something that peers hold each other to, versus a monolithic entity that is holding power
      ii. The final decision is made by the dean on the recommendation of the honor board
   c. Motion passed, 9 in favor, 1 opposed
6. Freeman School of Business proposal to reduce credit hours of PMBA – Vote
   a. Motion passed, all in favor
7. New business
   a. Does anything change about how we offer SREB fellowships given the changes from SCOTUS?
i. No, these fellowships are awarded after admission. We can look at students racial or ethnic background after admission
   ii. We can go through a matching process to help put students with funding
       b. We were awarded 3 SREB fellows
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 motioned by B. McFadden