Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018


1. Approval of October Minutes, G. Morris motioned, M. Cunningham seconded, all approved

2. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Fall 2018
   - December 12
   - January 9 (if necessary)
   - February 6

3. Announcements
   a. DGS update
      i. Amjad Ayoubi, Charlotte Maheu Vail, Jennifer Beers spoke about their respective duties. Beers works with all students
   b. Three Minute Thesis Competition this afternoon at 2 pm
      i. Advanced PhD students will be competing
   c. Mental Health Specialist for graduate and professional students
      i. Will be housed downtown
      ii. Recognized that they need someone for graduate and professional mental health support
   d. Update from IPOG on immigration attorney, Mario Balducci
      i. Services are continuing this semester
      ii. Meetings are every other Thursday afternoon
      iii. Consultations are free of charge
      iv. People may need/want to touch base with the attorney before leaving for the winter break
      v. Balducci has been offering workshops as well

4. Guidelines for embargo on dissertations/theses
   a. Guideline has been in place for about 5 years
   b. Students are able to indicate that they would like to embargo their work for either 6 or 12 months when they upload the dissertation
   c. Does the author or the department get to ask for the embargo to be extended? Seems unlikely that there would be conflict
   d. Students can get patents and get royalties
   e. May need to get someone from the Office of Research and someone from the library archives at our next meeting

5. Definition of Graduate Faculty
a. Two lists needed
b. One list will function for the online catalog
   i. Can chair a thesis or dissertation, works with graduate or professional students
   ii. Teach graduate level classes
c. One list will function for Academic Analytics
d. Research Graduate Faculty versus regular Graduate Faculty?
e. Deans will have access to Academic Analytics, will be able to provide the information from there.

6. Vote on change to the Graduate Honor Code
   a. Thought that this had been handled a couple of years ago
   b. Modeled after the undergraduate code
   c. Gives the dean’s office more autonomy in minor offenses
   d. Research misconduct would not be covered by this – it is only designed for offenses that the Dean or Dean’s Designee judge would not result in suspension or expulsion if the student went before a panel.
   e. A. Childress moved to approve this, J. Ruscher seconded. All in favor.

7. Next Donut Day on Wednesday, November 28
   a. Librarians from HTML will join us
   b. Contact Grants and Contracts and/or Sponsored Projects to invite them next semester

8. Motion to adjourn at 9:01 by A. Childress, seconded by J. Ruscher.