Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2019


1. Approval of March Minutes, motioned by G. Morris, L. Dornier seconded, all approved
2. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2019
   o May 8
3. Directors of Graduate Studies/Graduate Admissions Officers
   a. Spring meeting on April 17
4. Announcements
   a. April 15th Resolution
      i. Signatory letter is available on OGPS website
   b. OISS F-1 and J-1 Visa default start dates are August 19 and 20
   c. Law School has gotten money to start an immigration clinic – may be an extension of Mario Balducci’s work
   d. OGPS Fall Orientation: August 20 (New PhD and Masters) and 21 (New TAs)
   e. Hooding Ceremony on May 17 at 9 am
      i. Generic black robes available
   f. GCC Conference, June 26-28 (https://gradcareerconsortium.org/)
      i. Especially good for learning about non-academic career paths and how to guide students that way
      ii. 50% of PhD students do not go into academia (for the past 20 years)
      iii. Industry doesn’t want the curriculum to change, but we do need to figure out how to connect students to those opportunities
   g. SREB fellows
      i. We were awarded 4 fellowships this year!
      ii. Part of the National Minority Doctoral Network
      iii. Not an extra slot for a grad student, this should be an extra
      iv. Most successful departments have worked out a mentoring plan and explained how the funding will enhance the stipend
5. New MPS in Sport Administration
   a. Has been reviewed by SoPA
   b. GPA requirements need to be 3.0 with a grade of B- leading to probation. SoPA should include a link to the general requirements for their master’s programs
      i. Since SoPA is now full time, we want to make sure that the same standards are applied to their programs as well.
c. Admissions standards: wholistic, expect at least a 3.0 in undergrad, professional experience is considered, applicants provide a resume, statement of purpose.
d. Research paper or internships are culminating work.
e. If done full time, the program would take about 1.5 years, but the vast majority of SoPA graduate students complete programs on a part-time basis.
f. May be a good partnership with the Law School’s Sports Law program whose students are already expressing interest in sport administration.
g. Expected enrollment is 15-20 students in the first year.
h. This is a completely online program, SoPA uses a rigorous system to work up their courses.
i. Will largely be taught by adjuncts, many of whom are staff on campus.
j. Motion A. Childress, second J. Ruscher, all in favor.

6. PhD Reviews
a. All departments being reviewed next year have been notified.
b. Self-studies will be due November 1.
c. OGPS often finds the chair of the review committee since they need to be a graduate dean.
d. Will be the provost’s first time participating in PhD reviews.
e. Do we want to add a page limit or target to the sections? Yes.
f. Will work with OAIR to look at student outcomes
   i. We will be able to find out if students have academic jobs, but not necessarily if they have non-academic jobs.
   ii. OAIR has students employees looking for data about graduates.
g. Can we send old reports and old feedback? There are one-page summaries available but they were general. There may be more specific reviews in the OGPS archives.

7. Donut Days
a. April 25 in Gibson 200

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:01, motion by C. Pealer, J. Ruscher, all approved.