Graduate Council Meeting  
Pima Room Student Union  
3:00 P.M.  
February 19, 2016  
Minutes


**Members Not Present/Excused:** Anne Cione, Anne Myers, Barry Goldman, Cindy Elliott, Dianne Horgan, Heddwen Brooks, Jesse Bockstedt, Joh Koshel, Leisy Wyman, Maria Teresa Velez, Rohan Beri.

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call.**  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Koen Visscher at 3:01 p.m. and Beatrice Dupuy was welcomed to the Graduate Council. Dr. Dupuy begins her term spring 2016 for the College of Humanities. She is replacing Robert Ariew.  
Attendance was taken using a roll call sheet.

II. **Approval of Minutes.**  
Kelley Merriam-Castro made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and John Koprowski seconded. The November 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

III. **Dean’s Report – Carnie –**  
Grad Center update – Nominations from every college for the University Fellows program have come in. Decisions and announcements should be made soon. This year the Grad Center is doing a Healthy Living Series. There has been one talk so far and more are scheduled. The Grad Center is busy working on a post-doc initiative.  
Grad Admissions – Admissions are up slightly over last year. Domestic admissions are up 6% but International admissions are down. A report was just sent out to college Dean’s with a break down by program.  
Associated Dean’s Report - Sturman  
Admissions Docs – uploading docs including I-20’s has been streamlined and is being successfully done electronically.  
Graduate Student Services – Grad services are now done completely in-house and have a new way of managing those services. Look for an email soon with more details. A new degree counselor – Janae Gregson.

Grad Slam – Grad Slam is fast approaching. Grad Slam is a very good way to get Grad Research out into the public eye. We currently have 106 students registered.

IV. **Chairs Report – Chair Visscher –**  
The Grad Syllabus Policy went to the Faculty Senate. The Senate asked the Grad Council to add a line about DRC availability and with this amendment was approved (see attachments).

V. **GPSC Report: Netherton**  
Grad Slam – The student participating this year are very excited. The competition is fast paced, interesting and very engaging. The UA is partnering with NAU and there will be a state wide competition in Phoenix on April 16th. Grad Slam begins on March 21st and the Grad Slam final is April 4th.  
GPSC Student Showcase – Showcase for 2015-16 will take place on Wednesday, February 24th. Between 120 and 130 students have registered for showcase this year. Students will present their research from 9AM-4PM.  
Other news -  
GPSC is working with ABOR on a proposed tuition plan. GPSC is also planning a 25th Anniversary Gala on March 25th to be held at the Tucson Museum of Art. GPSC is working on a student subsidy plan for students who have significant expenses and really need help. The Athletics fee is now on hold for one year pending more research on the topic by the Athletics department.
VI. Action Items:
Proposal – MS Cardiovascular Translational Research – Ron Hammer -
This program is an entirely online program and would be a feeder for other UA Ph.D. programs for those who want more academic and research levels. It is built on the current certificate program. The council had various amendments and suggestions for the proposers to include in the proposal. Because this was a planning request and not one of the new integrated program proposals, no vote was taken on the proposal and the proposers will revise and resubmit the proposal.

Proposals – MA Criminal Justice – Mike Polakowski, Paulette Kurzer – This would be an online program in Criminal justice, an area that UA does not currently cover. Members of the council expressed some concerns about the small number of tenure-line faculty associated with the program and the reliance on adjunct faculty, especially because the same faculty teach related but not identical classes in other SGPP programs. Grad Council has requested additional information about how the instructional responsibilities of this program would be handled. Anne Rosenfeld proposed tabling the proposal until we get that additional information. John Koprowski seconded. Passed unanimously. The requested information will be submitted to the Graduate Council for further review.

Proposal – Merger CMM and IMB Ph.D. programs – Lonnie Lybarger, Jeff Freilinger
Some members of Council were concerned about the new delineated track in muscle biology. They were concerned that this new track overlapped with existing offerings in Physiological Sciences and Animal Sciences. Council would like support letters from affected programs. The proposers temporarily withdrew the proposal to gather the additional materials needed.

VII. Discussion Item:
Degree comparison chart – Coonan – changing completion process for degrees – compared themselves to like department. It will be required at undergrad level. An example will be brought to the next Grad Council meeting.

Law Cross-listing issues – Sturman – The Law school has shifted to a +/- grading system to align more closely with their peers and accreditation requirements. This is a challenge for both our internal computer systems and for dealing with classes that are taught with both Law and non-Law course numbers, as two different grading scales will have to be used. Janet asked the Graduate Council members their opinion on this issue. Discussion ensued. Please send any further ideas to Janet via email.

New Routing for Curricular Approvals – Coonan – this is currently a two-step process: with separate planning and implementation proposals. This is being revised so that there is a single integrated proposal. The routing order will also change. More details are forthcoming.

“Graduate School Mess” – this is a book on proposals by Leonard Cassuto – Janet discussed the book and asked if we should order copies. Several members of the council expressed an interest in reading the book.

VIII. Information items:
Faculty Senate passed Grad Syllabus Policy; with proviso that Accommodations for students with disabilities. Include the statement for reasonable accommodations provided by the Disability Resources Center, http://drc.arizona.edu/instructors/syllabus-statement
The new syllabus requirements now appear in the UA Catalog. http://policy.arizona.edu/faculty-affairs-and-academics/course-syllabus-policy-graduate (link is external)
Catalog Redesign – it is happening. A committee is working across campus and will keep you informed. It will be more easily accessible to people who are using mobile devices.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. The next Graduate Council meeting will be Friday, March 25th in the Pima room of the Student Union.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Ann Bjerk-Plocke
Graduate Council Secretary