Graduate Programs Committee

October 21, 2020

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

In attendance: Drs. Darling, Sheppard, Ariza, Stupec, Warshaw, Peluso, Wener, Sembiante, Finnegan, Nightengale-Lee, Barakat, Brown, and Emelianchik-Key

Petitions Subcommittee attendance: Drs. Darling, Ariza, Wener, Warshaw, Sembiante and Sheppard

Recorder - Dr. Emelianchik-Key

1. The curriculum committee report had one item and was approved with all in favor and passing.
2. Graduate Petitions Subcommittee Report and Recommendations – There were 16 petitions from 5 departments (CE-1, CCEI-2, ELRM-11, SES-1, and T&L-1). All petitions were requesting either leave of absence, a waive of residency requirements, and some continuous enrollment waivers. The subcommittee recommended all petitions for approval. There was no discussion about petitions and recommendations. Motion by Dr. Darling for the subcommittee's recommendations to be approved. All in favor of the recommendations to approve the petitions and motion was passed.
3. The faculty governance document has three significant changes – (1) Change in the term for grad faculty renewal from 5 to 7 years (2) Committee meetings for dissertations and theses can take place electronically and is acceptable in this format. (3) The composition of dissertation committees must require one member from outside of the program or department.
4. Faculty graduate governance document needs to be approved through the university graduate council through a vote by the entire graduate faculty, but this will be placed on hold until there is a decision on how student dissertations, committees, and compensation occur within the college. Once this is decided, the document will be revisited.
5. The next GPC meeting date was discussed, and it was determined that the November meeting will be moved to December 2.
6. Two guest speakers came to speak with GPC- Dr. Liana Smith (assistant dean in graduate college) and Mr. Jan Macko (director of admissions in graduate college). They presented on GradCAS system. The program allows students to submit one application to multiple graduate programs throughout the US. It cuts down on personnel needed and the amount of time required to gather and collect documents. Everything will be stored in one spot. The program streamlines things but also provides each program with more visibility. Jan walked us through the program and process from the student side.
7. Dr. Peluso made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Wener moved, and Dr. Darling seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.