

Graduate Council Meeting No. 533 October 5, 2020 Minutes

Council Members Present: Gabriel DePace, Feruz Ganikhano, Nisa Ghonem, Shingo Goto, Rabia Hos, Kathy Hutchinson, Bethany Jenkins, Aaron Ley, Mary MacDonald, Mary Moen, Colleen Mouw, Martha Rojas, Alison Tovar, Fred Vetter, Jin Jian Xiao, Mehmet Gokhan Yalcin

Graduate School Present: Brenton DeBoef, Alycia Mosley Austin, Cara Mitnick, Corinne Kulesh, Jessica Martinez

I. Call to order

- Time: 2:02 pm by Chair Colleen Mouw

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 532, September 14, 2020

- A. Comment: Under the felony discussion section regarding which committee the appeal needed to be made to should be changed from the Academic, Standards and Appeals Committee to the Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board.

- ★ *Motion to approve the minutes from meeting No. 532 with the amendment to have the Felony Policy and Procedure appeals reviewed by the Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board*
 - *Unanimously approved*

III. Announcements

A. Graduate Program Directors Fall Meeting Recap (*DeBoef*)

- 1. Dean DeBoef mentioned he received a lot of positive feedback. Program Directors were asked their feedback about policies on using holds for graduate students to enforce thesis/dissertation proposal requirements. Enrollment Data was discussed as well as Strategic Admission. There was also a session for new program directors.

B. EGRA Announcement (*Mosley Austin*)

- 1. Associate Dean Mosley Austin stated that the EGRA competition is live and applications are due Friday, October 16th. Funds can also be used to fund virtual conferences.

C. Language Requirements - Duolingo (*Mosley Austin*)

- 1. Associate Dean Mosley Austin stated that previous acceptable language proficiency test scores for international students were IELTS and TOFEL examinations. In response to COVID, Duolingo was accepted temporarily. Great response using Duolingo, similar amount of results as IELTS and TOFEL. Duolingo will now be a permanent acceptable examination option going forward.

D. Professional Development Upcoming Events (*Mitnick*)

- 1. Director Mitnick displayed upcoming Professional Development programs for October 2020. Newsletters are sent directly to listservs. All graduate students are added to the student listserv automatically.

- E. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty since those listed on September 14, 2020 meeting agenda (DeBoef)

Di Jin, adjunct appointment, Marine Affairs, College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Niko Tracksdorf, tenure-track appointment, College of Arts & Sciences

LeAnne Spino-Seijas, tenure-track appointment, College of Arts & Sciences

IV. New Business

A. [Changes to Appendix A](#) (DeBoef)

1. Dean DeBoef discussed that the appeals process was used twice during Spring 2020 for students that were dismissed from the Graduate School. Since the appeals process was not used in over 10 years, some of the processes need to be updated. Dean DeBoef charged the Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board to update Appendix A.
 - a) Dean DeBoef presented edits with the Graduate Council from the Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board and the Graduate School.

★ *Motion to approve the changes proposed to Appendix A.*

- *Majority approved*
- *1 opposed*
- *1 abstained*

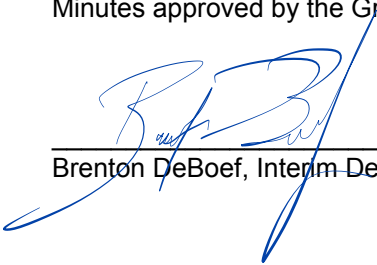
V. Graduate Curriculum & New Programs (DeBoef & Mosley Austin)

VI. Old Business

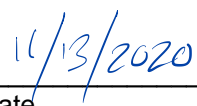
VII. Adjournment

- Time: 3:26 pm by Chair Colleen Mouw

Minutes approved by the Graduate Council on November 9, 2020



Brenton DeBoef, Interim Dean of the Graduate School



Date