

Graduate Council Policy Committee

September 12, 2018 • 10:30 am • MH 243

MINUTES

Members Present: Deborah Altomare (COM), Gergana Vitanova (CAH), Uluc Aysun (COB), Devon Jensen (CGS), Jim Moharam (Optics, **Chair**), Mathilda Van Niekerk (RCHM), Aziz Mohaisen (CECS), Bobby Jeanpierre (CCIE, **Vice Chair**), Joshua Troche (CHPS), Zhe Liu, (COS), Ven Basco (LIB), Ladda Thiamwong (CON), Krystyn Ramdial (GSA), John Weishampel (CGS), Barbara Fritzsche (CGS)

Guests Present: Sevil Sonmez (COB), Tony Walker for Tosha Dupras (COS)

Recorder: Michele Pozdroll

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by committee chair Dr. Moharam

General business

Introductions, Graduate Policy Committee overview, Graduate Council website, Dates and start times for meetings and Proxy voting. After the introductions of all committee member, Dr. Jensen gave an overview of the graduate policy committee member responsibilities, and also showed how to navigate throughout the Graduate Council website. The dates and start times for all meeting for fall and spring semester are listed on the Graduate Council website. It was decided that proxy voting will not be allowed.

Old Business-Annual reviews updates:

This was tabled from our last meeting. Dr. Jensen and Dr. Fritzsche informed the committee Graduate Studies is moving forward and working on finding the correct technology software that will be used for the annual reviews. The software that may be used is called: "**Dynamic Forms System**", it will be a workflow process. The start date is to begin in spring 2019.

Old Business- Graduate Status GPA:

This was tabled from our last meeting. Some students may have 2 degrees when calculating their cumulative GPA it is combining the GPA's. Several issue were brought up with this discussion because 2 or 3 GPA's may show up on the student's transcript, which one will be used? If a student is not doing well in one degree with a low GPA would get dismissed. When applying to another program or doctoral program the low GPA would be an issue. The committee liked the concept, it would help students and the programs could see where their student's weak points. The committee decided this would be a policy to change. It was decided that Dr. Jensen will provide a policy statement to be presented at out next meeting for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am. The next meeting will be held on October 17th.