

Graduate Council Policy Committee

September 11, 2019 • 10:30 am • MH 243

MINUTES

Members Present: Keith Koons (CAH), Uluc Aysun (COB), Jim Moharam (Optics, **Chair**), Robin Back (RCHM), Aziz Mohaisen (CECS), Laurie Neely (CHPS), Ven Basco (LIB), Ladda Thiamwong (CON), Krystyn Ramdial (GSA), Devon Jensen (CGS), Barbara Fritzsche (CGS), Winston Schoenfeld (CGS)

Guests Present: Sevil Sonmez (COB), Tonya Walker for Tosha Dupras (COS), Alan Fyall (RCHM), Jessica Cheatwood-Alvarez (CGS), Lynn Hepner (CAH), Elizabeth Klonoff (CGS)

Recorder: Michele Pozdroll

Welcome and call to order

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

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. Moharam and Dr. Jensen gave an overview of the graduate policy committee member responsibilities and 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. The committee voted not to allowed proxy voting. Dr. Keith Koons was nominated, and committee voted to have Dr. Koons as Vice-Chair of the policy committee. Dr. Klonoff gave a separate charge to the meeting. She stressed her concerns regarding graduate student mental health and wellness. How important it is for the policy committee to review our current policies and update what is needed.

New Business-Discussion regarding late withdrawal/late drop policy:

Dr. Barbara Fritzsche led this discussion and provided a hand-out. Policy members reviewed the hand-out and gave their feedback for revisions. Also, to add language for a late add. It was decided that Dr. Fritzsche would update the hand-out with the new wording/edits and bring forward at the next policy meeting for the committee to vote on.

New Business- Discussion regarding senior faculty recruited and bring with them “trailing students”:

Dr. Barbara Fritzsche also led this discussion and provided a hand-out. Dr. Fritzsche informed the committee, it has come to Graduate Studies attention several of the deals that are being made are violating SAC’s requirements. After a lengthy discussion it was decided this is not a policy issue, should go through the appeal committee first.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am. The next meeting will be held on October 9th