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Graduate Council Agenda

April 9, 2015

3:30 pm in Lang 115

1. Approval of the minutes from February 26th
2. Graduate College Reports
 - a. April Chatham-Carpenter, Interim Dean
 - b. Shoshanna Coon, Associate Dean
 - c. Susie Schwieger, Director of Graduate Student Life
3. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report – Melissa Beall
4. New Business
 - a. Informational item about drop hold for graduate students
 - b. Recommendation on wording change to Student Academic Ethics Policy (section V part D – Academic Sanctions for Level Four Violations, <http://www.uni.edu/policies/301>)
 - i. The current policy (last approved August 6, 2012) provides examples of level four violations for plagiarism in a master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation, but not in the culminating project for a non-thesis student.
 - ii. The current policy also does not specify the extent of the plagiarism that characterizes a level four violation, other than “quoting directly or paraphrasing without proper acknowledgement of the source and/or presenting the ideas of another as your own in a senior thesis, master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation, in scholarly articles submitted to refereed publications or conferences as a student”
 - c. Summer session load limits for graduate students
 - i. Traditionally, the catalog has listed the “normal maximum” graduate student load as 9 hours. Other language indicated that these hours were normally applied over the 8 week term (June-July); May term is not explicitly mentioned. With the new SIS, load limits need to be set for each term. Currently, the summer session limits are:

term length	grad students	undergrads
12 weeks	12 credit hours	12 credit hours
8 weeks	9 credit hours	8 credit hours
6 weeks	6 credit hours	6 credit hours
4 weeks	6* credit hours	6* credit hours
2 week post session	2 credit hours	

*recently increased from 4 credits to 6 credits

Are we okay with the recent increase to 6 credit hours in a 4 week session?
Are any other changes needed?

5. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting: April 23rd at 3:30 in Lang 115