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Graduate Council Minutes #1075

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018

Present: Al-Mabuk, Berendzen, Bullard, Curran, Cyphert, Edmister, Elm, Igou, Olivares, O'Loughlin, Rau, Schwieger, & Weeg.

Absent: Pease.

Chair Pohl called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chair called a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11 meeting. The motion was voted on; motion carried and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Graduate College Reports:

Reports and some handouts from Susie Schwieger:

- Social Mixer on Monday, January 29 wasn't well attended. It was an experimental time in the morning from 10 a.m.-Noon. There will be another social mixer before the final week.
- Professional Development Workshop: "Using Rod Library as a Graduate Student" will be on Tuesday, February 27, 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Rod Library, Room 373.
- A list of UNI Center for Academic Ethics, spring 2018 Events from Anita Gordon.
- A reminder sheet of Graduate College Symposium. Members are encouraged to share the information with the students and deadline for the submission is February 28.

New Business:

Reports from Interim Assoc. Dean Olivares:

1. UNiversitas

The journal editor informed the Grad College that he would step down. The Grad College needed feedback:

- Do we need to maintain this journal? If yes, there costs to maintain this journal include:
 - 2-Adjuncts Salary
 - 1-Graduate Assistantship
- This is under the Graduate College umbrella, so should we move toward something bigger?
- Grad Colleges provides GA funds for the assistantship.
- Are we going to provide the GA funds in the future?
- The Committee members believed that the responsibility of the journal relied on CHAS. The following questions were asked to be answered by CHAS:
 - What is the future plan for this journal?
 - Do we need to continue to offer GA funding?
 - What are the benefits of this journal?
 - Who are publishing in this journal, students or faculty?

Chair Pohl requested everyone to do some more inquiry about this UNiversitas journal. The Associate Dean would bring clarification to these questions next time.

1. 6000- Level Course Requirements:

MA Non-Thesis Option: A minimum of 12 credit hours at the 6000 level. This total count allows for not more than one research course 6299 if offered by program.

MA Thesis Option: A minimum of 15 credit hours at the 6000 level. This total count allows for two courses (6 hrs) of research credit 6299. (*some programs may have more hours of 6299)

There was a confusion on the wording of these requirements. One of the members suggested to have more flexibility in the distribution of the credits. Chair Pohl indicated that the group could present new

language to address misunderstandings. Others wanted to see some ideas from other programs with regard to the distribution of the credit hours.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on February 22, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rubina Chowdhury
Secretary