

Graduate Council Minutes
March 8, 2018
206 Seaton Hall
3:30 p.m.

Members present: Tim Carr (presiding), Yusong Li, Jennifer Clarke, Clint Rowe, Rhonda Fuelberth, Julia Reilly (president-elect, GSA)

Members absent: Ted Hamann, Laurie Lee, David Smith, Karen Da Silva

Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2018

Motion was made to approve as written. Motion passed.

New Business

1. Beef Cattle Production Specialization (Animal Science)
Motion was made to approve the Proposal for Specialization in Beef Cattle Production for the Animal Science major. Motion passed unanimously.
2. New Course BIOS 435/835
Motion was made to approve a new course BIOS 435/835 (graduate level).
Motion tabled with an email ballot to follow.
Discussion held the lack of strength of the description of the difference of distinction between levels. Council members needed more details on what the “develop and lead the discussion” meant. Suggested that there be something in the syllabus that distinguishes the different expectations of the levels. The syllabus didn’t include the graduate level discussion requirements.
3. Review of the Graduate College Policy Handbook
Motion was made to accept the proposed changes. Motion passed unanimously.
Tim reviewed the Executive Graduate College handbook. Discussion followed.
Tim wants to clarify the makeup of the department/program departmental Graduate Committee with David Jackson. The EGC handbook is not very clear on this point. Graduate Faculty Associate status is being reviewed and will be discussed in future meetings.
4. Policy Discussion
 - a. Time to degree: Tim discussed the length of time allowed for a masters degree to be completed. Big 10 peers range from 5 to 7 years. There are two concerns: 1) the time is too long – students drift away; it impacts rankings. Rankings include allowed time and actual time. Tim has asked to discuss the issue at the next EGC meeting, suggested a proposal of a limit of 5 years. We could allow extension requests, but would need to determine time allowed per extension request and

number of requests allowed. This would allow part-time students to still be within the limit. May want to increase it to 6 years so that 36 hour degrees feasible.

- b. Thesis 899 and Dissertation 999 “pass/no pass” only. Eva described the issues with the current grading/registration practices. The change of grades is not easy; no consistency across campus. We will revisit this in the future. Consider graded vs. pass/no pass, dealing with incompletes.

5. GSA report

- a. Julia is president-elect; Shawn Ratcliff vp-elect.
- b. Graduate Student Appreciation week (April 2-6)
- c. Next meeting is April 5 in the union. Julia will be sworn in April.
- d. Chelsea/Matthew meeting with Tim tomorrow discussing how we can partner with them for events.

6. Other business – none

Meeting adjourned 4:54 p.m