

Grad Council

MINUTES

04/07/16

4:00-5:00pm

President's Conference Room

Present: Liz Thomas Hensley, Don Basse for Cheri Meder, Tracy Doyle, Dana Provence, Margaret Doell

Excused: Tracey Robinson

Guests: Phil Schroeder, Eric Carpio, Megan Smith

I. Information Items:

A. Graduate Initiative Update – *Margaret noted that the Grad Initiative would be meeting the next day for the final weekend of GIG work. Since most GC members present are also on GIG no further information was given.*

II. Discussion Items:

A. Graduate Tuition Waivers – Phil Schroeder

Phil Schroeder discussed the history of Graduate Assistanships and the associated Waivers, which first appear in the 1996-98 catalog. They were supposed to be awarded for a student in an on-campus program, and waive ½ of the students in-state on-campus tuition. At that time all grad programs were 'on-campus' in that they were face to face course taught at ASU or at locations elsewhere in the state. Since that time grad programs have evolved to be mostly on-campus and Gas have extended to those in Athletics where students are GA's but in online grad programs. The difficulty arises when these GA's are awarded tuition waivers for online programs as the waiver funding comes from General Fund budgets but the tuition goes into cash funded programs. Phil suggested a wording change to the web site that would clarify the tuition waiver is only for on-campus programs. A few on-campus programs do require several online course though. GC agreed to discuss further and also see if the GIG group can come up with some recommendations.

B. International Students – Eric Carpio

Eric Carpio gave an overview of how International students are tracked and served. Currently he is the PDSO (Primary Designated School Official). Miguel and Toni are DSO's. Megan and Uriah will be added as DSO's in July. Admissions is working to house all International Student admissions process in their unit. Eric provided a handout and described the visa students ASU is authorized to work with – F1 only. These are students in degree seeking programs. Eric asked the group whether their preference would be a course by course credential evaluation of credits or degree/GPA evaluation, noting that it costs more for students to have a course by course evaluation. Eric will survey programs to determine what is needed. GC also

discussed what would be an acceptable baseline for TOEFL scores for grad programs. It was suggested that they should be higher than for undergrads but no consensus was reached.

C. SLAC update – Liz Thomas-Hensley

Liz updated the group noting that the SLAC yearly report template and program assessment plan had been sent out

D. Dual credits/program policy

The group discussed the idea of double-dipping graduate credits, enrolling in two grad programs simultaneously and using the same credits for both. The group agreed that if you use a course for one program you can't use it for credit in another graduate program. You can use course credit from one program for elective credit in another program but only if the credit is not applied to another degree. Credit for course in a Masters degree could be granted to a degree at a higher level if appropriate. Use of any credits not within the degree program in excess of 9CH would need department/program approval. Grad Council agreed that policies were needed for these scenarios.

III. Action Items: - *SPED changes were tabled because they had been received the same day and GC members had not had time to review them. They will be reviewed at the May GC meeting.*

- A. SPED Program Change Form
- B. SPED 526 IS and Change Form
- C. SPED 530 IS and Change Form
- D. SPED 532 IS and Change Form
- E. SPED 533 IS and Change Form
- F. SPED 535 IS and Change Form
- G. SPED 539 IS and Change Form
- H. SPED 540 IS and Change Form
- I. SPED 542 IS and Change Form
- J. SPED 550 IS and Change Form
- K. SPED 551 IS and Change Form
- L. SPED 552 IS and Change Form
- M. SPED 558 IS and Change Form

IV. Information Items from Areas:

MBA – Nothing to report

Counselor Ed – Ready to send self study document to CACREP for the PhD program

HAPPS, TED, HEAL – nothing to report

Music Ed – Nothing to report

Art – New ceramicist hired; Leslie Macklin comes from U Mass Dartmouth and starts in fall