

Graduate Studies Council - GSC

Minutes

9/22/2021

Virtual meeting taking place on Zoom

1. Roll Call: Alex Garlick, Mary Ann Dugan (new vice-chair, taking minutes), Tim Clydesdale, Lauren Foxworth, Kathryn Jervis, Mark Woodford, Michael Ellard
 - Absent: Student members Carr and Kornsgold.

New Business:

1. New member welcome and introductions
 - No new members were present
 - Two students planned for this year but not present for the meeting:
Cassidy Carr (Graduate Student) and Yaffa Kornsgold (Graduate Student)
2. Elect new chair
 - AG offered to be chair for this year but has a planned leave beginning Feb 2022
 - LF offered to fill in for AG during this spring absence
 - MD offered to be vice-chair this year with the plan to move to chair in Fall 2022
 - AG self-nominated to be chair for AY21-22, seconded by LF, unanimous vote by committee in the affirmative. MD self-nominated to be vice-chair, seconded by AG, unanimous vote by the committee in the affirmative.
3. Non-matriculated credit increase discussion
 - Feedback from School of Nursing, Health, and Exercise Science- MD shared all faculty reported positive responses from nursing faculty to increase non-matriculated credits to 9 or 12 credits
 - MW shared concern for a student taking 9 or 12 credits without some oversight
 - MW gave example that a student could take 12 credits in one semester
 - ME reported nothing in place that prevents a student from taking >2 courses
 - KJ thought 3 or 6 credits is enough for a student to decide if they want to apply
 - ME shared may only transfer 6 if taking credits elsewhere
 - TC shared once matriculated, all would count at TCNJ
 - TC offered possibility that allows department to determine # of credits
 - Group agreed to keep credits as is for now and if any department wants a change, they can submit a formal request for it
4. Review of results of the marketing survey of current students/alum from spring

- TC shared four priority areas from the Provost
- TC reports want to expand graduate program degrees and certificates
- TC reported revenue coming in is tight
- TC reviewed Graduate Program Demand Study from Simpson Scarborough
- TC reports there are currently 7-10 graduate certificates in various stages of development
- LF shared the School of Ed is working on a stackable Masters Degree with some choices within own school and students earn MEd
- MW asked about online versus in-person interest. TC discussed interest in hybrid or online goes up a couple of years after graduation. TC suggests fully online not competitive and AG agrees
- TC suggests hybrid is the way to go and combining flexibility/in-person learning has the greatest potential

Meeting moved to adjourn (2:45 pm)

Next meeting Oct 6 1:30-3 pm

- TC forewarned we may need extra meeting times this year
- AG will work on getting a room in Social Science Building (SSB 241)