**Graduate Council Meeting**

**February 26, 2016**

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**Minutes
approved 3/25/16**

**Faculty Present:**  D. Balfour, J. Barry, A. Booth, A. Bostrom, S. Choudhuri, M. Harris, L. Huang, C. Leiras, V. Long, B. Martin, D. Mitchell, P. Ratliff-Miller, G. Schymik, M. Staves, S. Wu

**Administrative Ex-Officio Present:** B. Cole, I. Fountain, S. Lipnicki, M. Luttenton, J. Potteiger, S. Soman

**Elected Students Present:** A. DePree

**Ex-Officio Students Present**: J. Lawton, B. Showerman

**GSA Officers Present:** C. Cascarilla, B. Harvey, F.Lawrence,N. Zweifel

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION/DECISION** |
|  **I. Call to Order**  | C. Leiras called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.  |  |
| **II. Approval of Agenda**  |  | The agenda was approved by acclamation.  |
| **III. Approval of Minutes January 22, 2016** |  | **Motion:** A. Booth moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2016. M. Harris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  |
| **IV. Chair’s Report – C. Leiras** | The Graduate Academic Policy on Grades Assigned to a Project, Thesis, or Dissertation was approved by ECS and UAS and sent to the Provost on February 4. The Dual Level Enrollment Policy was reviewed by UCC and a request was made for clarification of language. The Graduate Council reviewed and edited the policy. A new program proposal for an M.S. in Data Science and Analytics was approved.  | **Motion:** A. Booth moved to open the Dual Level Enrollment policy up for discussion and revisions. P. Ratliff-Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**Motion:** A. Bostrom moved to accept the revisions to the Dual Level Enrollment Policy. M. Staves seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  |
| **V. Curriculum Subcommittee Report – M. Staves**  | The GC-CC is meeting after the full Graduate Council meeting to continue reviewing proposals in the Dr.OT program. The proposal author, C. Grapczynski, attended a recent GC-CC meeting to discuss the program and the committee’s concerns. The proposed program includes 800 courses but GVSU does not offer courses at that level, thus there will be a recommendation to change those to 700 level.  |  |
| **VI. Policy Subcommittee Report – A. Booth** | Responsible Conduct of Research Training PolicyThe draft policy was reviewed by the graduate program directors, HRRC, IACUC, Provost’s Cabinet, and the RCR Advisory Committee. Minor changes were recommended. The policy requires graduate students to obtain RCR training within the first 50% of their graduate program. The GC reviewed the policy and requested edits. Award of Two or More Graduate Degrees at the Same LevelThis is an established policy for students wanting to simultaneously pursue two degrees at the same level. The policy allows for some overlapping course work between degrees. “Clinical practica” was added to the list of excluded courses in item #2 of the policy.  | **Motion:**  A. Booth moved to approve the Responsible Conduct of Research Training Policy as amended. Motion passed unanimously. **Motion:** A. Booth moved to approve the Award of Two or More Graduate Degrees at the Same Level policy as amended. Motion passed unanimously.  |
| **VII. GSA Report –F. Lawrence** | New officers for the 2016-17 year have been elected. A transitions meeting is planned for April 2, which includes the current and new e-board, advisors, and members of the Graduate School staff.  |  |
| **VIII. Dean’s Report – J. Potteiger** | The 3-Minute Thesis Competition was held on Thursday, February 18. Approximately 100 people attended and 11 students competed. M. Lindenberg in the MS Biology program was the winner. He will go on to the regional competition in Chicago in April. The Graduate School might expand the competition next year to hold college competitions and then a main competition. J. Potteiger thanked the 3-Minute Thesis Committee for their efforts.  |  |
| **IX. Old Business**  | The second graduate faculty meeting of W16 was held on the Allendale campus on February 19. There were good discussions but attendance was low.  |  |
| **X. Adjournment** |  | **Motion:** M. Harris moved to adjourn. A. Booth seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.  |