# Graduate Council Meeting

September 23, 2015, GBB 225, 12:10 – 1:00 PM

Roll Call

*Members Present:* B. Bach, L. Broberg, F. Brown, X. Chu, C. Dumke, L. Frey, L. Gray, J. Johnson, A. Kinch, G. Lind, C. Palmer, K. Swift

*Members Absent/Excused:* N. Lindsay, C. Stanick

*Ex Officio Members Present:* R. Arouca, S. Ross, S. Whittenburg

The 9/9/15 minutes were approved with pending amendments to the IIP procedure. The Council will officially approve the procedure at the next meeting.

## Communications

* Associate Provost Zagalo-Mello will join Graduate Council on October 7th to discuss issues with the TOEFL admission score. There will also be some international students joining the discussion
* The Faculty Senate is having a reception on October 8th, after its meeting in the Honors College. Members of Senate Standing committees are invited to attend.

## Business Items

* The curriculum subcommittee chairs were confirmed

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| Humanities | Linda Frey |
| Professional Schools | Kenton Swift |
| Sciences | Jesse Johnson |
| Social Sciences | Betsy Bach |

* Linda Frey agreed to chair the IIP Oversight Committee.
* The Council briefly discussed the proposed proposal for an MS in Business Analytics. The proposer claimed the President wanted to fast track the proposal, but the reason for the urgency was not clear, especially given that the Provost did not sign the proposal and informed Dean Gianchetta by e-mail that there is no funding for the requested faculty line. There are other issues as well. It is unclear whether the set of courses are appropriate. The central faculty member is currently an adjunct. Although the Chairs of both Computer Science and Math signed the proposal, the faculty have not discussed the proposal. Professor Johnson is concerned that students taking upper-division or graduate level Computer Science courses need programming experience in order to succeed. The proposal is for a one year program, but the Computer Science courses are offered every other year. The question was also raised as to whether a “M.S.” degree is appropriate for a program that does not have core classes in the sciences: the Computer Science and Math courses are electives, and a track described as “more creative” would not substantively differ from an M.B.A. These questions and concerns will be communicated to the proposer and the Schools subcommittee will take them up during the regular curricular review cycle if the proposer can make appropriate changes.
* Consideration of the proposed language to include in program review was postponed. The letter has already gone to programs in this review cycle. It could still be communicated to them, or it could be delayed a year. The G.C. will consider that language in the next meeting.
* There was some discussion regarding the Graduate and Professional Student Association’s request for the Graduate Council to endorse a statement of support. Student member Genevieve provided some background. Last year the GPSA negotiated with ASUM for a research fee that would be dispersed by a committee with representation from both ASUM and GPSA. This was after a petition was circulated to become an autonomous student government organization. Then the administration asked GPSA to work with ASUM. Unfortunately the new ASUM leadership does not want GPSA to have equal seats as ASUM on the committee to disperse the funds. It views the GPSA as a 15 member student group and will not recognize it as representing the entire graduate student population.

Unfortunately there is not a current voting process for graduate students. Megan Stark, the ASUM advisor has scheduled mediation with the Dean of Students on October 1st. The G.C. will consider a draft statement of support in the next meeting.

The draft statement will be sent to members to consider.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.