



Graduate Council
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Jan. 25, 2018 11:00-12:30
SSB 330C
MINUTES

Present: Shannon Campbell, Nick Recker, Letitia Pleis, Cipriana Patterson, Kim Starr, Jo Bailey, LiYing Li, James Tisdale, Ingrid Carter, Amy Middleton, Cyndi Busch, Nicholas Cachanosky, Crystal Annan
Absent: Chad Harris, Nick Recker

Approval of November Minutes: Approved unanimously

The Graduate Council would like there to be records of all electronic votes and emergency meetings. The recording can be added to the minutes in the following meeting.

There is a perception among some faculty that the GC is secretive. GC is a representative council, council members should be reporting to their colleges and units to inform them of what is happening in GC. All GC meetings are open to anyone who would like to come.

I. SIP & Financial Wellness Info. Presentation (Jan. vote)

The OGS, the Budget Office, and the Provost's Office have worked together to develop a SIP (Sustainability Improvement Plan) which will replace the previously used bankruptcy policy. The former plan does not address how to help programs get back to success. We want all programs to be successful and provide them with tools to help avoid sun setting prematurely.

All programs must pay the following from all generated revenue:

- 10% ASR
- 3% OGS
- 2% Bad Debt
- 10% Revenue share after year 5

The Provost will keep the revenue sharing at 10% and not increase it. The revenue sharing goes back to support the undergraduate programs, especially those who will never be able to have a graduate program.

SIP should not be viewed as punitive, when OGS approves or denied a plan it is to ensure the program has what it needs to be successful.

The financial wellness report will be required of each new program in the 2nd year. The concept is to prevent new program from getting to a SIP

i.GC would like to financial wellness report document to be written using more positive language and address programs who may not be in financial trouble.

Planned projects that eat away at a fund balance will not trigger a SIP, the SIP tries to look at the larger financial sustainability of a program.

After discussions with VP Kreidler- OGS believes, we should start looking at the new graduate programs as 5-year pilot program.

II. PLA Discussion (Request Feb. Unit Report)

PLA allows students to receive credit for prior coursework or work experience based on departmental standards.

Currently only the MHA is utilizing the PLA and the University is following the formula for the undergraduate students. This model is not currently working for the graduate programs since they have to be cash funded.

- For a new policy (for funding) to be implemented next year, this will need to be completed by March 30th to be presented and approved by the BoT. It is recommended from the Budget Office that we use a percentage when determining tuition.

III. Multiple Pathway Discussion (Request Feb. Unit Plan)

Multiple pathways describes the ways in which a student can enter and complete a program. Programs need to begin looking at how we can have multiple ways for students to get into our programs and multiple ways out.

IV. 3MT

OGS wants to be able to provide student a unique opportunity to participate in an international competition. The 3MT allows students one slide and 3 minutes to present on their thesis. Students are required to have a thesis. Currently there is only one program that offers a thesis option.

We need to think about offering a thesis as a multiple pathway. Is there a way to incorporate a thesis into our graduate programs?

All of the graduate schools from the state of Colorado want to hold a competition at the capital. UCD would like to have a campus competition with MSU Denver.

V. WICHE Tuition Agreement

WICHE is a tuition exchange program with western states. There is a new program for graduate programs (WRGP). The undergraduate program allows members of WICHE state to pay their states tuition at 150% to other schools within the agreement. Dr. Campbell will follow up with Dr. Haynes on where the University is on this.

VI. Gather Best Practices (Feb. Unit Report)

Tabled for February

VII. Input on how to develop graduate culture

Tabled for February