

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

CHAired BY: David Kieda

TIME: 3:00 pm

DATE: April 24, 2017

PLACE: 206 JFB

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lien Shen, Chuck Hansen, Isabel Dulfano, Joanna Bettmann Schaefer, Kevin Davenport, Lis Pankl, Kristin Cloyes, Mingnan Chen, Laura Kessler, Christopher Stringham, Bryan Trump, Jeffrey Moore, Valeria Molinero

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Kieda, Katharine Ullman

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Richard Paine, Cedric Feschotte, Julie Wambaugh, Audrey Thompson, Arul Mishra, Derek Caperton

AGENDA

1. Welcome

David Kieda of the Graduate School welcomed the Graduate Council.

2. Discussion: Updates to English Proficiency Tests

Teri Clawson of Admissions presented recent changes to English Proficiency testing at the undergraduate level to the Council, and the Council discussed the possibility of adopting new English Proficiency tests for Graduate school admission. All Council questions were answered by Teri Clawson.

3. Proposal: PhD in Clinical Pharmacology

Catherine Sherwin, Elena Enioutina, and Amie Klein of Clinical Pharmacology presented the PhD in Clinical Pharmacology proposal. All Council questions were answered by Drs. Sherwin, Enioutina, and Klein.

Vote: table until further information is received

Abstained:

Comments: The Graduate Council expressed concerns regarding the very limited size of the proposed program. The small number of students that would be enrolled in proposed program would create a very small cohort group, and a very small number of faculty members would be responsible for the management of the proposed curriculum. The Graduate Council felt the program could have larger impact and better learning outcomes if a program faculty for proposed degree were established. The Graduate Council voted to table the proposal until options for establishing a larger program faculty are explored. The proposers are requested to meet with Graduate School Deans to develop an action plan in response to the Graduate Council's concerns.

3. Review: Neuroscience Department

Katharine Ullman of the Graduate School presented the review of the Neuroscience department.

Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments:

5. **Review: Mining Engineering Department**

Valeria Molinero of the College of Science presented the program review of the Mining Engineering Department.

Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments:

5. **Review: Computing Department**

Laura Kessler of the School of Law presented the program review of the Computing Department.

Vote: approve with amendments; unanimous

Abstained:

Comments:

Time of Adjournment 5:00pm.

The Council will go on hiatus for the Summer Semester 2017. Next Council meeting will be in August 2017.