

Graduate Council

Thursday, April 3, 2025

MCCC 319, 12:25pm

Minutes

Present: Kaitlin Ensor, Mari Clements, Kevin Evans, JD Carpenter, Dwight Heaster, Connie Stout, Gerda Kumpiene, Robin Meadows, Donal Hardin, Rachel Adams

Absent: Scott Beatty, Leisa Dean

Guest: Duane Chapman, Ann Reed, Ashley Nicholas

Call to Order

- Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2025 meeting. Dwight motioned to approve the minutes, Robin seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- The Council discussed the dismissal policy that Ann has been updating.
 - They recommended changes be made the document.
 - First the council asked that the second sentence be removed from the first bullet point and add a sentence that reads, “Students should review the General Requirements for Graduate Degrees to ensure they are adhering to the graduation requirements” to the end of the Academic Progress Section.
 - In the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of the Academic Suspension Section the council asked for the addition of “who has been placed on their second”.
 - In the second paragraph under Program Dismissal the seconded sentence was updated to read, “If the student is enrolled in a full semester course, depending on the reason for dismissal and their current standing in the full-semester course, the student may have the choice to continue in the course or request to be withdrawn.”
 - A third sentence was added in this section that reads, “This option is not available to students who do not hold a passing grade (i.e. a grade of “B” or higher) in the full semester course.”
 - The third paragraph was updated to read, “If the student wishes to pursue a different program, the student will be required to submit an application to the new graduate program for evaluation for admission eligibility”.

- Gerda asked if this policy applies to our non-degree seeking students.
 - The council discussed this and decided that the policy does not apply to non-degree seeking students.
- The council also recommended not to have academic standing on transcripts for all graduate students.
- Dwight motioned to approve the updated Academic Progress, Academic Suspension, and Program Dismissal policy based upon the amended comments; JD seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Teaching Assistants

- Tabled for further discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Looping Limits

- The council discussed the results of their discussions with other institutions across the state that are equal to us in size. These institutions do not enforce looping limits.
 - The council asked is there is a concern about students taking the same instructor repeatedly. The council stated that if the teaching content is known by the faculty there is no issue.
 - The council agreed that it is not possible at this time to have a limit therefore the Council has no issue. They asked that everyone keep in mind that enrollment dictates the courses being taught and the Departments are encouraged to practice good communication in these situations.

Assessment Discussion

- Education has submitted theirs to Melody.
- MBA is working on their report.
 - All reports should be shared within their respective departments as well as to the Assessment Committee.
- There was discussion about the best way to gather information from graduates about job placement.