

Graduate Council Meeting

April 17, 2025, 12:25pm

MCCC 319

Minutes

Present: Robin Meadows, Dwight Heaster, Kaitlin Ensor, Kevin Evans, Rachel Adams, Mari Clements, Leisa Dean, Donal Hardin, Scott Beatty, Connie Stout, JD Carpenter

Absent: Gerda Kumpiene

Guest: Ashley Nicholas, Ann Reed

Old Business

- Dismissal Policy
 - The council reviewed the updated version of the Dismissal Policy and discussed a couple of minor updates.
 - Under the Academic Suspension heading the first paragraph was removed. The council decided to add that graduate coordinators will review academic standings at the end of each term. The graduate coordinators will also notify the student, Academic Affairs, and the Registrar's office of any suspensions. The Registrar's office will then record the information on the student's transcript.
 - Robin motioned to amend the policy as discussed, Dwight seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Teaching Assistants
 - The council discussed the use of teaching assistants and how they would best be utilized. Would we be better served using a teaching fellow instead? Mari asked the council to think about models that will work financially and conceptually.
 - Dwight and Kaitlin are going to work on a detailed policy for the use of teaching assistants and bring it back to the next meeting. Connie said she would reach out to Gerda and see if she is also interested in helping.
- Accelerated/4+1 Degree
 - The council discussed and answered a couple more questions about what best suits all of our masters' programs wanting to develop an accelerated/4+1 program. We will work on some more of the questions at our next meeting.