

MINUTES
Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 3:00pm

Present: Luidmila Patokiua, Daniel Gershman, Michael Dores, Christopher Eliot, Zoran Sunik, Eugene Maccarrone, Monica Florio, Bob Brinkman, Erin Ward-Ciesielski, Paul Fritz (guest from UAAC)

1. Meeting Minutes from 11/1/2018 approved with one change
 - “Discussed Honor Code Policy edits” first bullet should read – “Bob said reason for it was increase in online cheating sites and to update based on current practice”
2. Changes to FPS #11 honor code
 - Paul Fritz (chair of UAAC) presented the rationale for changes discussed and proposed by UAAC to Section IIB
 - Committee asked questions and discussed additional changes related to B1 and B2
 - Proposed revision to B1 so it reads “copying or substantially copying someone else’s work without using appropriate informative citations...”
 - Member raised whether UAAC had considered any more explicit penalties for plagiarism in Section III
 - Paul and Bob Brinkman provided rationale for leaving the language broad to allow faculty freedom to decide how to handle individual cases and consider opportunity for learning
 - Paul will raise this issue with UAAC
 - Committee approved changes from UAAC, with the addition of the abovementioned word in B1
 - Changes will be sent to UAAC for approval
 - Provost office will make sure language is consistent between FPS 11 and 11G
3. Graduate scholarship allocation
 - Based on discussion last semester, when next round of scholarship information is distributed, it will be provided in new format.
4. Graduate program handbooks (Bob Brinkman)
 - A lot of inconsistency between program handbooks, so the Provost’s office reviewed various handbooks and made a draft outline of things to include
 - Committee members will receive a draft if this outline to review and provide comments
 - Bob requested members provide feedback about any additional information that would be useful to include in handbooks
 - Planning to send the outline to grad directors
5. Other items/new business
 - a. Enrollment numbers across grad programs (Bob Brinkman)
 - This information will be included with grad scholarship info as part of new format
 - New programs helped with numbers

- Decreased international enrollment is still on decline (same as national trends)
- b. Grad catalogue language changes for badge offerings (Bob Brinkman)
 - 3-9 credit badges that don't have to go through the state review, but need structure to ensure quality of the badges
 - A draft of the policy was provided (generally similar to current graduate catalogue language). In the next meeting, the committee will review the language for approval