GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR September 17, 2014


Not Present: Steve Beck, Jessie Josie

Visitors: Craig Kelley

Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions: Mark McLellan

Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2014: Approved

Dean’s Report
- Information: Readmission After Absence. 2-5 years absence the department authorizes re-admittance. After 5 years the student will have to submit a new application.
- Information: Masters Proposal Approval Form. This form is used whether a proposal defense is held or not and it has replaced the signed cover sheet that would have been submitted. The new form includes information regarding regulatory approvals that are needed for research.
- Information: Graduate Faculty Membership. Departments are now playing a larger role in selecting their membership. There are University level requirements in place in determining who may be in graduate faculty.
- Discussion on New PhD Programs. There is considerable discussion regarding all graduate programs and the current focus on growth of our PhD programs.

Old Business
- No Items

New Business
- R401 PhD Program in Aerospace Engineering. A motion was made by David Geller to discuss the R401. The department is hoping for similar response to their MS in Aerospace Engineering program that was started 5 years ago. The Library has 4 journals in paper format from the Aeronautic Society. The College of Engineering has made a concerted effort to get more PhD students. Currently there are students who want the Aerospace PhD and are having to get their PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Vote in support: Unanimous.
• **R401 Computer Science PhD Credit Requirement Reduction.** Motion to discuss credit reduction by David Geller. 2nd Paul Johnson. Growth and quality of students can rise. May allow more time for research for faculty and students. **Vote in support: Unanimous.**

Committee of the Whole
  • Open Discussion

Return to Committee Regular Order

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Derek Hastings. Adjourned