

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 2020

Meeting held online via TEAMS

In Attendance: Becky Brannock, Shirley Drew, Kevin Elliott, Tim Flood, Ronny Galloway, Jennifer Harris, Michelle Hudiburg, Pawan Kahol, Anil Lal, Elizabeth Mascher, Matthew Montague, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Theresa Presley, Brenda Roberts, Santimukul Santra, Cole Shewmake, Brian Sims, Ryan Speelman, Kyle Thompson

Paul McCallum submitted comments and his vote via email.

Absent: Tatiana Goris, Rick Hardy, Judy Smetana

New Business:

Pittsburg State Policy on Grading for Graduate Courses for the Spring 2020 Semester Graduate Council Resolution 20-01

Dr. Drew moved for approval, Dr. Kahol seconded.

Dr. Sims shared that he had become aware of the Pass/Fail policy for undergraduate students that Faculty Senate was reviewing and anticipated that a policy might be needed at the graduate level He also shared that he had visited with Dr. Howard Smith about the policy and that President's Council did not ask for Graduate Council to develop a policy.

Dr. Sims provided an overview of comments that Dr. McCallum had provided via email. One concern that Dr. McCallum included in his comments was that he felt it would be fairer to apply the policy to all courses as Pass/Fail courses and not just face to face courses.

Dr. Drew then mentioned that she had missed that this policy was only to be applied to face to face courses.

There was discussion regarding potential situations that might arise due to the policy as well as if some areas of the policy should be revised. Dr. Flood shared that the intent of the policy is to protect students during this situation for this semester that it isn't going to work for every situation, but that if we want a policy we should get it as close as we can with all of the details.

Dr. Elliott suggested to move with the motion on the floor, Dr. Speelman then mentioned that the sentence "This policy will be in effect for graduate courses that were originally offered as face-to-face courses" is limiting. He suggested changing the sentence to allow it to apply to all students. There was discussion regarding changing the sentence to read more closely to the undergraduate policy.

Dr. Elliot moved to amend the motion on the floor to include new verbiage to revise the sentence in question. Dr. Drew seconded.

Dr. Flood suggested including in the sentence that the policy would apply to courses for graduate credit since some undergraduates take 700 level courses and sometimes graduate students take 600 level courses.

Dr. Sims agreed to revise the sentence after the meeting.

The motion carried. Two representative did not submit a vote, they were considered as having abstained.

Dr. Hudiburg moved to adjourn, Dr. Drew seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Sims subsequently revised the sentence to the following "This policy will be in effect for courses for graduate credit including, online, hybrid, and courses that were originally offered as face-to-face courses."