Graduate Council Meeting  
03 Sept 2015  

*Action items in italics*

I. Minutes from meeting on January 29, 2015 were corrected and approved as amended (motion: Jahmani; 2nd: Park). *Dr. Curran requested Dr. Hardy double-check to make sure that there were no other meetings in the spring semester.* She had a record of a February meeting at least.

II. Agenda was approved (Motion: Bell; 2nd: Kaltenberg)

III. Election/Nomination for Graduate Council Committees.  
**Graduate Faculty Committee**  
Y. Jahmani  
D. Piatkowski  
M.C. Curran  
**Graduate Curriculum Committee**  
Y. Park  
D. Bell  
T. Cox  
**Student Affairs Committee**  
A. Kaltenberg  
G. Wang  
R. Deloach

Curran made motion; Bell 2nd to approve committee membership. Passed.

IV. Graduate Bylaw Review Committee (ad hoc committee)  
Dr. Bell will chair a graduate bylaw review committee. *Please email him if you are interested in serving on the committee.*

V. GSA advisors needed  
Dr. Hardy is the advisor for the Graduate Student Association. He needs one more advisor to help with this group. No one volunteered at the meeting, so he requested someone please email him to volunteer.

VI. Proposed Change to Graduate Faculty Committee description in Graduate Council Bylaws  
Dr. Hardy presented the Graduate Council with Current Language and Proposed Changes  
**Current Language:**

**Graduate Faculty Committee:** This committee shall make recommendations to the Graduate Council on matters pertaining to criteria for membership on the Graduate Faculty, graduate faculty welfare issues, and graduate research and publication issues.  
**Proposed Changes:** Recommendations for membership on Graduate Faculty will be made by a simple majority of the entire Graduate Council (not by a subset of 3 members serving on the Graduate Faculty Committee). **Graduate Faculty Committee:** This committee shall make recommendations to the
Graduate Council on matters pertaining to criteria for membership on the Graduate Faculty, graduate faculty welfare issues, and graduate research and publications issues.

There was discussion as to why this change was requested. Some of the challenges with the current wording:
1. There is a concern that too many people are applying for graduate faculty status simply for the 3-credit release time granted graduate faculty, and these faculty were not teaching graduate courses nor advising graduate students. However, the graduate council agreed that the review every five years should take care of this concern.
2. There is a concern that there may be undue influence one way or another by one member of the committee. However, the committee is simply making recommendations to the Graduate Council who can affirm or reject the committee’s recommendations.

Some of the challenges with the changed wording:
1. The sheer number of graduate faculty applications would be onerous for the entire Graduate Council to review. Dr. Hardy reported that there were 33 in 2014-2015.
2. It was not clear what exactly the graduate faculty committee would do, since their main role has been to review graduate faculty applications.

Finally, there was discussion of the specific phrase “criteria for” and agreement that since criteria for graduate faculty are in the bylaws, the criteria need to be addressed by the Graduate Bylaw Review Committee.

Therefore, a revised proposal was recommended to remove “criteria for” in the Current Language. The motion was made by Dr. Bell and 2nd by Dr. Jahmani and passed. Therefore the NEW language for the Graduate Faculty Committee is:

**Graduate Faculty Committee**: This committee shall make recommendations to the Graduate Council on matters pertaining to membership on the Graduate Faculty, graduate faculty welfare issues, and graduate research and publications issues.

VII. GSA representative?
There was a question as to whether the Graduate Council should have an ex officio member from the GSA. Dr. Hardy will provide language for the next meeting.

VIII. Graduate Faculty profiles now on web
Please refer to email from Dr. Hardy regarding checking and updating your web profiles via Digital Measures.

IX. M.Sc. Mathematics degree was approved by the Board of Regents and will begin in Fall 2016. This led to a brief discussion regarding make-up of the Graduate Council and whether it should be by program or by college. **Membership on Graduate Council will be an agenda item for the next Graduate Council meeting.**

X. Announcements
There will be a hooding ceremony on the Friday before graduation again this year. Please plan on the hooding ceremony being a regular occurrence on the Friday before every graduation.