Graduate Studies Council

Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 2 pm

Virtual Meeting

The regular meeting of the Graduate Studies Council was called to order at 2:01 pm by Sara Sweeney.

Present: Sara Sweeney, Dr. Crawford, Vince Sirianni, Dr. Catherine Monteroso, Dr. Thomas Michaud, Dr. Karen Kettler, Dr. Gregory Chase, Dr. Zac Loughman, Dr. Joseph Horzempa, Dr. Sean Ryan, Anna Malone, Jeffrey Grubbs, Dr. David Hanna, Jessica Collins

**New Business**

* Curriculum Changes - None
* Graduate Faculty Recommendations
  + [Dr. Martin White](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ee5fHLjqOFrYKSl1dcuV2HoG9_METVVG?usp=sharing) – no objections, majority voted and approved

Graduate Enrollment Update – Graduate enrollment is up 13% from last year; as of today we have 350 students. Scott Cook reported that we are at (input number) for undergrad. For next Spring as it stands now, there are 140 less undergrad registered than last year.

* Scholarship Opportunities with Foundation – Sara has been working with the Foundation on this and the first co-hort of MSDH and the 5 students that have applied have been offered scholarships. We should be reaching out to alumni to see if any of them would be willing to contribute toward a co-hort in their degree program.
* Zoom Webinar – We have a webinar license so use it for speakers, CEU type events, etc.
* HLC Visits – No dates have been decided on these visits yet. It should be sometime in February and it will be one visit for both programs.
* BIO Admissions Requirements – the proposed Changes are:
  + 1. Eliminate the GRE requirement for any West Liberty **Biology** alumni.
  + 2. For students entering with a 3.3 GPA (overall and science), we will waive the GRE requirement.
  + 3.  Any student who does not have a 3.3 GPA could be conditionally accepted so long as they meet the minimum GPA requirements for admission (2.6 overall and 2.8 science).  Conditionally accepted students would have to earn a 3.25 (or better) GPA their first semester.  If these students earn between a 3.0 - 3.24, then they would be required to take the GRE between semesters and earn a 300 to stay in the program.  (Students who do not earn at least a 3.0 are academically dismissed).
  + 4.  Any student who meets our current admissions requirements (2.6 overall GPA, 2.8 Science GPA, 300 GRE) will be admitted as per usual.  So...this would be another option for students who have a lower GPA entering the program.
* Dr. Michaud added that Spring/Summer 2021 are not listed on APEX. Scott said this is an easy fix.
* Dr. Horzempa said that he was recently told by an anonymous faculty member who said several students have been complaining of their professors not wearing masks while lecturing. He said to encourage all of the faculty to wear their masks for the duration of the semester.

**Old Business – nothing to report**

**Important Dates**

* Stay & Play – this will be a recorded session that Sara will be sending out to student athletes.
* Nov 21 - Combined Virtual Commencement
* Dec 4 - Last day to apply for May graduation without a late fee
* Dec 15 - GA Evaluations Due for Fall 2020
* Jan 13 - Next Graduate Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm. Minutes by Carol Wood.