

Graduate Council

May 20, 2016 ~ 2:30-4:00 PM

128 Kidder Hall

Agenda

1. **College of Engineering Request** - Prasad Tadepalli
Request to allow graduate students as GTAs in 400/500 courses. Please see the attached email "[GTA Policy.docx](#)" for more information.
2. **Botany Plant Pathology Three-year Report Follow-up**
The email report from Mike Lerner is attached. (see [BPP 3yr Rev.docx](#))
3. **Minutes to Review – April 29, 2016** (see [min 160429 web.docx](#))
4. **Faculty Senate Update**
On May 12 the Faculty Senate voted to approve the removal of "transfer credits" from the nine-year time limit for PhD programs. We had agreed to look at language to advise thesis committees on consideration of transfer credits - below is a suggested paragraph.

For transfer of courses onto a program of study, the thesis committee and student are advised that all transfer credits must be approved by the student's thesis committee. In approving transfer credits, the committee should consider whether the courses are relevant to the degree and area of specialty. Further, the committee should pay attention to the currency of the information in the transfer course, particularly in regards to courses that were completed several years prior to matriculation. It may be appropriate to ask a student to repeat a course if information in the field is expected to have advanced in the time since the course to be transferred was completed. Although there is no time limit on how old a course may be transferred, the university seeks to assure that student training is as up-to-date as possible for the benefit of the student and responsibility for this lays with the thesis committee in regards to transfer courses.
5. **Epigeum Mentoring Modules**
A proposal to be considered to require Epigeum mentoring modules of all faculty requesting approval for level 4 or 5 (direct Masters or doctoral theses) participation as a graduate faculty member.
6. **Refusal to Change Graduate Council Standing Rules**
The implications of the Faculty Senate refusal to approve a change to the Graduate Council Standing Rules to review graduate faculty on any requirements.
7. **Old Business – As Time Allows**
 - a. **IDPs**
 - b. **Policy Consideration**
Continued discussion around a policy to impose a time limit for submission of programs of study and methods of enforcement. Please see the April 29 meeting minutes for notes on the start of Council's discussion.
8. **Review of Minutes**
Additionally, the minutes for April 15, 2016 (see [min 160415.docx](#)) and January 15, 2016 (see [min 160115.docx](#)) need to be reviewed; please send any edits to Theresa. She is working through the remaining meeting minutes from winter term and will send those along. The intent is to get everything reviewed before the June 3 meeting.