

Graduate Council

October 24, 2016

Minutes

Voting members present: Sourabh Apte, Jim Coakley, Ryan Contreras, Rebekah Elliott, David Finch, Theresa Filtz, Lisa Ganio, Lisa Price

Guest: John Becker-Blease, Andreas Schmittner

Approval of Minutes

There were no requested edits to the [October 3](#) minutes; the minutes were approved as distributed.

Soils Graduate Program Review – Andreas Schmittner

- [Review Report](#)
- [Action Plan](#)

After discussion, the Soils Science Graduate program review report was accepted and is ready to move along.

Action: Jim moved to accept the report; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Curricular Proposal – Biological Data Science

- [Proposal](#)

Action: Postponed until the following week.

College of Business [Proposal for an Alternative Summative Assessment](#) – John Becker-Blease

- After discussion, the College of Business proposal for an alternative summative assessment, was approved.

Action: Ryan moved to approve the proposal; motion seconded and passed with one abstention (Jim Coakley abstained).

- The Councilors were complimentary of the proposal. A recommendation to the program was made that students be advised quarterly of their status in terms of successfully passing 70% of the required assessments.

Proposed Standing Rules Revision

The proposal is to require a faculty member approved to advise at all five levels of graduate involvement. The relevant section of the Standing Rules is:

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Theresa would like the Council to consider a revision to:

The Council consists of one graduate faculty member from each College who is approved for all five levels of activity as a graduate faculty member, and one graduate student. The Chair shall be a faculty member with immediate prior experience on the Council. The Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School and the Chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

Action: Due to the meeting ending, the discussion related to the proposed Standing Rules revision will be continued at a later date.

Minutes taken by Theresa Filtz.