



Graduate Council Minutes

Date 5/21/19 Start Time 3:33p Adjournment Time 4:40p Location Walker 2-94
 Type of Meeting Regular Special

CHAIR	Jana Giles
SECRETARY	Leigh Hersey
ATTENDEES	Kevin Baer, Debra Craighead, Chris Gissendanner, Rhonda Hensley, Kioh Kim, Peggy Lane, Georgios Matthaiolampakis, Jack Palmer, Claire Stammerjohan, and Paul Sylvester Graduate College: Sushma Krishnamurthy
ABSENT	Ruoxi Chen (Excused), David Hale, Ava Pugh (Excused), and Girish Shah (Faculty Senate Representative)

AGENDA

PRELIMINARY, OLD BUSINESS, AND INITIAL BUSINESS	
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A. Initial Business

1. Approval of May 8, 2019 minutes
 - Motion to APPROVE by Kioh Kim; second by Paul Sylvester
 - Approved by Council

2. Election of Council Chair for 2019 - 2020
 - Written nominations were taken from the floor
 - Jana Giles (4 nominations)
 - Chris Gissendaner (declined)
 - Peggy Lane (2 nominations) (declined)
 - Claire Stammerjohan (declined)
 - Paul Sylvester (2 nominations)
 - Results of voting by paper ballot
 - Jana Giles (7 votes)
 - Paul Sylvester (4 votes)
 - Abstention (1)

GRADUATE FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS	
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Graduate faculty recommendations were reviewed and voting conducted. The Graduate School maintains the results of the recommendations in the Graduate School office and provides the results to the program chairs and faculty members.

STUDENT APPEALS

Student appeals were reviewed and voting conducted. The Graduate School maintains the results of the appeals in the Graduate School office and provides the results to the program chairs and the students.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of change in time to PhD completion

- Committee provided information on other schools' policies
- Motion to EXTEND time to complete PhD to seven years by Claire Stammerjohan; second by Peggy Lane.
- Approved by Council
- This change will be reflected in the catalog.
- Sushma Krishnamurthy will to update the appeals checklist form to accommodate all appeals.

B. Reconsideration of Leave of Absence Policy

- Registrar's Office informed Dr. Krishnamurthy that students will have to re-apply for admission if they have missed one semester or they want to change the semester they are starting a graduate program. Students who re-apply have the option of requesting to use the catalog from their initial admission to complete the degree. Members brought forth concerns which Dr. Krishnamurthy will take back to the Registrar's Office.

Approved by **committee**/council chair Yes on 8/15/2019