

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**October 24, 2018 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**IRIC 105**

X	Jerry McMurtry	X	Gordon Murdoch (At-Large/CALS)	X	Jaap Vos (CAA)
	Julie Amador (EHHS)	X	Mark Warner for Quinnett (CLASS)	X	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
	Robert Heise (At-Large/UWP)		Alistair Smith (CNR)		Ata Zadehgo (ENGR)
X	Kristin Henrich (Library)	X	Daniel Strawn (CALS)	X	Shiva Adhikari (GPSA)
X	John Lawrence (CBE)	X	David Tank (COS)	X	Rosebella Capio (GPSA)

- I. Approval of the minutes from October 3, 2018
  - Lawrence moved to approve. Warner seconded.
  - Approved with 1 abstention.
  
- II. Announcements and Reports
  - A. VandalStar (Shishona Turner)
    - Turner did a presentation on VandalStar, which is a system for communicating with students. Can be used to warn students about their grades, warn that study plans are not done, etc. Their hope is to roll this out for graduate students Spring 2019.
    - Q: Is this going to be required? A: No.
  - B. PSM Update
    - McMurtry met with Char Hendricks and others last week. They decided to slow down the pace of this.
  
- III. Discussion
  - A. Curriculum Items
    1. Master of Accountancy (Kraut)
      - Marla Kraut attended to answer questions about proposed changes to the Master of Accountancy program.
        - a. Add two electives
          - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Warner.
          - Passed unanimously.
        - b. Add 2 emphases – Taxation Emphasis and Audit and Assurance Emphasis
          - Lawrence moved to approve. Seconded by Tank.
          - Passed unanimously.
    2. M. Engr. Engineering Management
      - This is to change the exit requirement for this degree.
      - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Lawrence.
      - Passed unanimously.
    3. Secure and Dependable Systems Grad Certificate (Conte de Leon)
      - Daniel Conte de Leon attended to answer questions. The change is the removal of 400 level courses and addition of 500 level courses.
      - Murdoch moved to approve. Seconded by Henrich.
      - Passed unanimously.

4. Urban Design Grad Certificate (Vos)
    - This is to add an Urban Design Certificate.
    - Lawrence moved to approve. Seconded by Henrich.
    - Passed unanimously.
  5. M.N.R. Environmental Education and Science Communication (Vierling)
    - This is to update the Environmental Education and Science Communication option.
    - Warner moved to approve. Seconded by Murdoch.
    - Passed unanimously.
- B. Number of 500 Credits Allowed on a Ph.D. Study Plan
- McMurtry explained this policy change is to allow doctoral students to use 10 credits of 500 Master's thesis credits toward their doctoral degree.
  - Members discussed whether this create a loophole for students to take less coursework. Through discussion, the concern went away.
  - Lawrence moved to approve. Seconded by Tank.
  - Passed unanimously.
- C. WRGP
- UI is choosing to open up the WRGP program to departments selectively.
  - McMurtry wrote criteria for departments to provide in order to request to be included in the WRGP.
  - Information should be requested at the department level.
  - The hope is to have it available for Fall 2019 admission.
- D. TA Minimum Credit Requirements
- McMurtry told Councilmembers there have been incidents in which students are on assistantships and have their full tuition/fees paid. They then drop below 9 credits.
  - McMurtry proposed that the students should be back-charged for the credits that they dropped, to reimburse the COGS index for those fees.
  - Councilmembers did not agree with charging the students. They suggested that another course be added to make up for the dropped course, or the department should create a directed study course for the student to make up for credits that were dropped.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Future Meetings:

November 14

All meetings will be on Wednesdays at 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Pacific) in IRIC 105