

Eastern New Mexico University
Graduate Council

October 8, 2020

3:30 to 4:30 pm

Online conference call via TEAMS

Council Members: Matthew Barlow (Biology), Deborah Corbin (Business), Rebecca Davis (Educational Studies), Patricia Dobson (Communication), Richard Guerra (Kinesiology), Kristin Kuhlmann (Nursing), Susan Kuzminsky (Anthropology), Bryan Moffitt (Counseling), John Montgomery (Graduate Dean), David Sweeten (English), Suzanne Swift (Communicative Disorders), Mark Viner (Curriculum and Instruction), and Juchao Yan (Chemistry)

Call to order: Dr. Mark Viner called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Present: Dr. Corbin, Dr. Kathie Good—attending on Dr. Davis’s behalf, Dr. Dobson, Dr. Guerra, Dr. Kuhlmann, Dr. Kuzminsky, Dr. Moffitt, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Sweeten, Dr. Swift, Dr. Viner, Dr. Yan
Absent: Dr. Barlow

Approval of Council Meeting Agenda: Dr. Sweeten moved approval of the October 8, 2020 agenda, seconded by Dr. Kuzminsky. Motion to approve carried unanimously (11-0)

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: Dr. Corbin moved to approve the minutes from September 24, 2020, seconded by Dr. Kuhlmann. Motion to approve carried (10-0, with one abstention by Dr. Good)

Announcements/Information: Virtual Commencement for Fall 2020—Dr. Montgomery shared an email sent from Dr. Laurenz in regards to the Virtual Commencement ceremony for this Fall. The overall consensus is to keep the ceremony about the students—no guest speaker and increase the specialness for each graduate. Suggestion to have each student’s name read and a picture of the student (with their degree information, etc) included on their screen. Dr. Montgomery will relay this information to Dr. Laurenz.

Old Business: Began revisions for the 2022-2024 Graduate Catalog; Dr. Montgomery will be keeping the master document of corrections presented at Grad Council. Updates/corrections suggested for the following “front pages” including University Notices, About Eastern New Mexico University, About the Graduate School of ENMU, and ENMU Academic Regulations and Procedures (pages 1-6). While discussing the Student Responsibility section on page 2, questions were raised about the thesis process including binding of the theses. Dr. Montgomery verified that the library receives both a bound copy of each thesis and an electronic copy—he will verify how the library would like to proceed in regards to the bound copies going forward. Discussion was also held in regards to Degree Plans and CAPP—Dr. Montgomery will follow-up with possible expanded CAPP usage.

Recruitment, Retention, Completion:

Update from Communication Services—Dr. Montgomery shared an email from John Houser highlighting which programs have had page updates from Comm Services, relayed they are trying to update the webpage as quickly as possible. If there is an urgency for a needed update, please relay the need to Dr. Montgomery.

New Business:

Emily Lujan Vander-Dussen (presented by Dr. Kathie Good on behalf of Dr. Davis)—Appeal for the six-year time limit extension on coursework. Emily has one class from Summer 2014 needing to be extended due to time limit, is completing comps this Fall 2020 semester. This appeal has been approved to extend the six-year time limit for this course. (10-0 vote to approve, 1 abstention)

As May Arise:

Reminder to bring names of possible student member for Grad Council.
Next Council Meeting is October 22, 2020 at 3:30pm via TEAMS

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.