

5/8/2017 DRAFT GAC minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of May 08, 2017, 1:00 PM, UAB320

Approved by the Council \_\_\_\_\_

In attendance: P. Atrey, K. Chan, S. Faught, J. Fossett, M. Larsen, E. Lasada, S. Vergari, C. Mallach, A. Lizotte, K. Williams, J. Bartow (staff), C. Davis (Staff), J. Deden (Staff)

Guests: George Berg, Kristie Saddler, Sean Rafferty, Zina Lawrence

1. Introductions of new incoming committee members, and gratitude expressed for outgoing members. Best wishes expressed for Chair Fossett's retirement.
2. Draft minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting were approved by the Council, without amendment, by a vote of 7-0-1.
3. Dean's Report – Dean Williams extended thanks for the GAC's work this past academic year. No update yet on the Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey. External reviewers finishing new proposal for the next meeting.
4. Chair's Report – Chair Fossett deferred his report. Gave brief explanation to new members of the GAC's role for program changes and student grievances, calling for confidentiality and discretion.
5. Committee on Curriculum & Instruction Report – C. Davis reported in the absence of J. Giboney.
  - a. The C & I's requested revisions to Political Science Department's proposal for MA program capstone amendment was accepted by the C & I committee. The GAC had voted previously at the April 17, 2017 meeting to approve the amendment pending the C & I committee's acceptance.
  - b. Geography and Planning Master of Regional Planning Program – Changes to core course requirements, readjusting sub-paths. No changes to overall credits. The GAC approved the Master of Science – Regional Planning program changes by vote of 8-0-0.
6. Review of the GAC's initiatives for the past year and upcoming year. The latest Federal Immigration Policy issues. There will be proposals for new programs and program changes. Student initiated matters, including grievances of grades and dismissals, etc. Changes to Graduate policies for grievances with time deadlines as recommended by auditors and council. Proposal for a Graduate School, decentralized from a Graduate department. Graduate student funding and stipends issues.
7. Election of new Chair deferred until next meeting.

No other business.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

End of 5/8/2017 GAC Minutes