Graduate Committee Minutes

April 11, 2016

Degree list and Graduation with Distinction

Walsh-Childers made a motion to approve the Spring 2016 list of graduates and applications for Graduation with Distinction. Molleda seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Survey—what makes a good mentor?

The Provost wants a list of criteria to determine “what makes a good mentor?” He wants metrics to show how we measure good Ph.D. mentors. Treise met with doctoral students and the GSMCA and they designed a survey. The GSMCA wanted open-ended question. The Provost wants the survey to be used as a way to train mentors.

International Track

Walsh-Childers explained the rule that there must be a representative of a student’s track on the supervisory committee. In the case of students in the International Communication track, there are not clearly identified faculty members in this area. Walsh-Childers will distribute a survey at the Graduate Faculty meeting that it’s for information purposes only so she will know which faculty members could serve as a representative of International

general consensus Communication on committees. They will not be required to serve on the committee of a student in the International track unless they choose to do so.

Combined 4-1

Walsh-Childers will put together a proposal for a 4/1 program. Babanikos asked if it makes sense to have a 4-1 with the new one year Pro Master’s program, the consensus was that it does not.

Pro Master’s

Students in the new program are not identifying with a particular track. The areas are Data, Creative, and Management. Treise will advise students with no particular area until they choose someone.

Incoming Ph.D. prep students will be allowed to do a project.

Pro Master’s students taking 12 credits per semester cannot have an assistantship.

Mid-Point TA Evaluations

Mid-term TA evaluations should be done before Spring Break. The TAs should tell the students that the evaluations will make their classroom experience better. The reports should be sent to Treise.

Miscellaneous

We have 15 “for sure” doctoral students coming with another six possible.

Bootcamp course in summer B is expected to have at least 30 students.

Cynthia Morton Padovano will teach MMC 6930—Mass Comm Teaching—now that Julie Dodd has retired.

The Graduate Student Teaching Award has been renamed the Julie Dodd Graduate Student Teaching Award.

Treise will check with the Dean’s office about the Graduate Coordinator payments.

Admission letter to International students will say if Bootcamp is required or optional.

Meeting was adjourned.