

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING May 1, 2019

Lockridge called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm with the following people present Lockridge (Chair), Richardson (ex-officio), Wicks (ex-officio), Lee (ex-officio), Chance, de Queiroz, Gansle, Husseneder, Lindau, Perry, Piccoli, Pojman, Seifried, Sharky, and Provost Haynie.

The following members were absent Adams, Cai, Francis, Frick, & Raffoul.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The March meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

Provost's Report

Faculty Senate's Resolution 19-04, Election of Graduate Council Membership

*Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate authorizes the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to immediately conduct elections from among the full Graduate Faculty members in the Colleges of Coast and the Environment, Engineering, Human Sciences and Education, and Humanities and Social Sciences to fill the vacancies in the Graduate Council that will occur this year, and
Therefore, be it further resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate will conduct elections for Graduate Council representatives each spring semester to fill vacancies in the respective Graduate Council College or School member terms that expire each year.*

- Haynie expressed concerns of non-graduate faculty members making a decision about the resolution, and not wanting to be disruptive of the colleges' current representative selection process. Haynie would like to get the Graduate Council's feedback, and provide assistance with getting graduate faculty members the opportunity to vote. Haynie entertained discussions from the floor.
- Several members agree with the idea of colleges allow graduate faculty members to elect their representatives, but other details (notifying the college deans and guidelines for the election) should be taken into consideration.
- The rationale for creating the resolution is not explicitly clear, but assumedly, this allows someone more broadly representative of the graduate faculty to have input on graduate faculty certifications, degree actions, and policies.
- Richardson believes there is a disjunction in faculty governance because the Faculty Handbook says the graduate faculty will set graduate policies. During a recent meeting, the Senate Executive Committee rejected several decisions made by the Graduate Council, on the grounds of it not being a governing body exclusively elected by the graduate faculty.
- Lockridge would like include a statement that clearly articulates who would facilitate each colleges' election among the graduate faculty. After further discussions, Lockridge announced that she would entertain a motion. Gansle made the following motion: The Graduate Council recommends to the Office of Academic Affairs that the Graduate Council members be elected by and from the graduate faculty members within each college or school by processes determined by the college or school. The Chair of the Graduate Council will notify the Dean of the college or school in advance of the

expiration of each member's term. These elections should become effective as soon as is practical. Husseneder seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions. Haynie will forward this response to the Faculty Senate.

Chair's Report

- OAA is drafting guidelines for LSU AgCenter faculty to become graduate faculty members on the main campus. She will forward any updates when they become available.
- Lockridge thanked members with expiring terms for their commitment and presented them with a token of appreciation.

Interim Dean's Report

- Council of Graduate Schools Consultative Visit: The overall visit went well. The report will be available in a few months. He thanked everyone for participating.
- Climate Survey: Wicks reported the Graduate School IT department would upload the results soon using Tableau software.
- SLATE: Wicks says the launch date is later this month. The Grad School is currently facilitating trainings for graduate advisors and departments.

Academic Affairs' Report

- Lee expressed gratitude for everyone's commitment.

Old Business

Graduate Council Subcommittees and New Associate Chair

- Anyone interested in joining any of the subcommittees should contact the Chair.
- Perry nominated Gansle to serve as 2019-20 Associate Chair, Sharky seconded, and Gansle won unanimously with no abstentions.

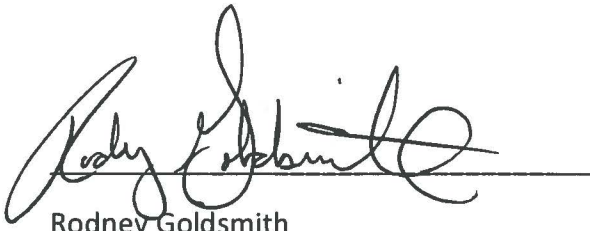
Standing Committee Reports

- **Promotion and Tenure:** Chance- The committee is currently reviewing mid-year tenure candidates.
- **Graduate Faculty:** de Queiroz- The committee is reviewing the last round of affiliate nominations, and they will be ready for a full review soon. Lindau suggested making it clear that CV's should include the date of the last update, and a 10 page maximum restriction.
- **Awards:** Pojman- No report.

Meeting Adjourned- 2 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBA.

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Rodney Goldsmith
Assistant to the Dean

Approved by:

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Malcolm Richardson
Interim Dean of the Graduate School