

## Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm

Baker Room--BTAC

**Members present:** Jennifer Ball (ex-officio); Erin Grant; Rhonda Dealey; Michael Rettig; Dave Provorse; Jim Schnoebelen; Becky Dodge; Kayla Waters; Michele Reisinger; Bobbe Mansfield; Tom Hickman; Sarah Daniels; Joe Mastro Simone; Tracy Routsong

**Others:** Blake Cauble-Johnson (guest); Aileen Ball (staff)

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.
- 2) Joe Mastro Simone was nominated as chair. Michele Reisinger moved, Jim Schnoebelen seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Jim Schnoebelen moved and Kayla Waters seconded to approve the April 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- 4) Blake Cauble-Johnson outlined potential scenarios for graduate students wishing to execute complete withdrawal. Currently, a graduate student may not completely withdraw without first consulting with his/her advisor—if students attempt this online, they are currently directed to their advisor. The suggestion was made that an additional option could be added: if a graduate student contacts the OneStop, the complete withdrawal could be initiated by OneStop, OneStop directs the student to his/her advisor and if no action is taken, the withdrawal is finalized in two weeks.

Members of the council were divided on the topic, with some feeling strongly that the student should always have to consult with the advisor and others feeling the student should have the freedom to completely withdraw without advisor consultation. The systems managing these processes do not allow for customization of approach based on the desires of the unit.

The Council agreed to vote on the matter in the November meeting.

- 5) Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm