

Graduate Council Minutes

January 30, 2017

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lincoln Room/Union

Members Present: Michael Rettig (ED), Vickie Kelly (AH), Jim Schnoebelen (C/L), Bobbe Mansfield (SON), Bob Boncella (SOBu), Bruce Mactavish (MLS), Kayla Waters (HS), Shirley Dinkel (SON), Bassima Schbley (SW), Kandy Ockree (SOBu), Brenda Patzel (SON), Michael McGuire (PY), Kelley Weber (Mabee), Sandy Tutwiler (Fac. Sen.), JuliAnn Mazachek (ex-officio)

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.
2. Motions to approve/second meeting minutes from November 28, 2016, were made; minutes approved.
3. Council members discussed ways to revise the current written charge of the Council to reflect the actual scope of the work required to be addressed. Because the Council currently needs to act in ways similar to a graduate school, members suggested including language regarding administrative matters and change membership language to specify Graduate Program Directors or a designee. Members also discussed potential changes to the voting process.
4. Council members briefly discussed assessment of common outcomes for graduate programs. Concerns were expressed regarding the applicability of common outcomes among specialized programs and the potential negative impact the assessment time commitment would have on program delivery. For HLC purposes, members agreed to focus on one common outcome—ethics—as the assessment conversation continues.
5. Council members agreed that Dr. Mazachek should initiate a petition with the Kansas Graduate Deans Council to participate in the 2018 Capitol Graduate Research Summit.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm.