

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: October 2, 2023

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The September meeting of Graduate Council was held on 09/15/23. The following reports and actions were taken:

1. Dean's Report – *Dean Kirsten Limesand*
  - Enrollment report
    - First time enrollment increased by 11%- due to increases in Master's and International students
    - Total under-represented students increased by 2%
    - Unknown race/ethnicity students increased by 44% (197 students)
  - Working on edits to the exit survey-
    - Goals for current doctoral exit survey: less time to complete, generate reports that are useful to programs, and facilitate institutional reporting to Dept of Education [Gainful Employment](#) rule
2. Senior Associate Dean's Report – *Associate Dean Maggie Pitts*
  - Update on integrating Grad Catalog
  - Update on grad teaching and mentor award
  - Report on degrees and certificates awarded
  - Reminder of mandatory and recommended trainings for grad students
3. Chair's Report – *Interim Chair Ron Hammer*

Report on Fac Senate review of Software Engineering PhD program approved by Grad Council:

  - Fac Senate voted to defer consideration because the program proposer holds an MS degree rather than PhD. *The program proposer subsequently resigned their position as Director of Software Engineering to express their dissatisfaction.* This Fac Senate vote represents a slight against faculty with work experience, career track faculty and women faculty in STEM. Given the outcome, we will be fortunate if the vote does not affect our relationship with industry which currently supports their employees taking advanced degrees and values work experience
  - Grad Council should report program approvals/discussions to college faculty we represent.
4. Action Items
  - Proposal: Grades and the Grading System Policy Amendment- presented by Alex Underwood
    - Passed with a minor edit
  - Proposal: Enrollment Policies Amendment- presented by Alex Underwood
    - Discussion led to edits that will be made
5. New Business - Grad council member voted unanimously to add the word "graduate" in front of faculty in **Section 1 of Bylaws** to convey that faculty representatives on Grad Council need to be members of the graduate faculty.

### GOALS:

Graduate Council meets again on Oct. 20, 2023 to consider additional program proposals