

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Graduate Council

DATE: November 6, 2023

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

GPERC Reports:

- Welcome back Hong Cui! Ron will continue serving as Interim Chair through December.
- GPERC will begin distributing a Grad Council Report providing a framework of meeting notes to members within days of each meeting. It is vital that members distribute meeting notes to all DGSs and grad coordinators in their college so that the report can go out to all faculty of grad programs. GC members will receive a spreadsheet with DGC and coordinator contact info for each college. Our distribution of up-to-date information will provide transparency and prevent claims that faculty within a college are unaware of Grad Council activities (e.g., in Faculty Senate). As a shared governance body, Grad Council members are responsible to graduate faculty in their colleges.
- **Faculty Senate Report:** In May 2021, Grad Council approval the MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics; in November 2021, Faculty Senate leadership reported that a \$400,000 donation from the Koch Foundation (KF) might have influenced the development and approval of this program. In fact as previously reported to Faculty Senate, the KF donation to support two faculty members in Political Economy & Moral Science (SBS) was received in 2018-19 and was unrelated to the later development of the MA proposal by faculty not yet hired in 2018-19. Recently, Faculty Senate leadership appointed an *ad hoc* Donor Influence committee to review the influence of outside donors. The *ad hoc* committee proposed a resolution to censure the UArizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom (<https://directory.arizona.edu/centers/center-philosophy-freedom>) for succumbing to influence from the Koch Foundation. The *ad hoc* committee never interviewed nor discussed their investigation with Freedom Center faculty, who issued a scathing response refuting the report including its allegations of donor influence on hiring, legislative influence on hiring, and donor influence on curriculum and teaching.

Action items:

1. Proposal: Emancipatory Ed Minor
Council members raised several questions but no rep from College of Education was able to attend the meeting. Proposal tabled until questions are answered. Council members agreed to hold an e-vote at that time. Questions raised were:
 1. *What is the mode for the minor? Is this in-person only?*
 2. *For the 696 classes, how often are they offered? Since these are seminars, they may not be offered each semester, correct?*
 3. *How would the required and elective courses implement the “transformational praxis” [the doing part] for the minor? In what forms the doing part would take place?*
2. Proposal: Enrollment Policies Amendment (Bullets view and Table views – the content of the two views are identical apart from the way graduate full-time status on page 3 is displayed.)
Council members approved the amendment and unanimously favored the table view.

New business:

1. GPERC started distributing GC meeting notes composed by Dean Limesand to individual graduate faculty at this meeting. Notes on Oct 20 meeting:
<https://arizona.box.com/s/t1w9otbt727aei5y07kda4dvytumzsm1>
2. Where to find minimum enrollment required in graduate courses policy? Policy found at:
<https://policy.arizona.edu/employment-human-resources/student-enrollment#:~:text=The%20minimum%20enrollment%20for%20courses,or%2012%20students%20in%20total.>
3. Graduate course ownership in the AIB model- use the MOU template on the AIB website for shared teaching: <https://arizona.app.box.com/s/83j14i6gnv76umyj0up7w9wd98h pz8xu>

GOALS:

Graduate Council meets again on Nov. 17, 2023 to consider additional program proposals.