

## GCC - 10.14.2024 - Meeting Minutes (Jeff Buler)

1. Welcome
2. Meeting minutes from 9/16/2024 were approved by 96% vote
3. Graduate Student's Report (Alan Parkes)
  - a. Students would like access to Adobe Pro & Microsoft Office standalone software
  - b. Students ask whether software that is used in multiple units could be more widely available across the university – perhaps a task for the Advisory Committee on Online Education?
  - c. Students seek clarification of health care benefits as they are seeing changes in premiums and rare medication costs
  - d. Students support including graduate and undergraduate seats on the Board of Trustees
  - e. Students would like the GCC and Graduate College to explore ways to grow graduate student funding opportunities for research, professional development, and travel
4. Standing committees were populated via breakout rooms (see the Membership list [here](#))
5. Dean's Report ([link](#) to slide deck)
  - a. GradSERU
    - i. Comprehensive survey of graduate student experiences as research universities
    - ii. Will happen next in Spring 2025
    - iii. Completed in odd-numbered years since 2019
    - iv. A third of UD students participated in 2023 (all time high)
    - v. Now a part of all Academic Program Reviews
  - b. Graduate housing pilot
    - i. Intended audience is incoming students
    - ii. Program is run through Residence Life
    - iii. Contracts were offered starting July 15, 2024
    - iv. Single building in the University Courtyard Apartments
    - v. 181 students started application, 133 completed it, 82 cancelled, 85 were offered housing, 51 students are residing in the housing
    - vi. \$1000/month including utilities deemed too high of a cost
    - vii. Visa challenges complicate planning
    - viii. Program has been more successful than the master lease approach of last year
  - c. By-laws revision
    - i. Expected to need substantial revision after 5 years
    - ii. Committee was Lou + past chairs + Dawn Elliott
    - iii. Red-lined plans were made available to GCC in early October
    - iv. Plan is to have revisions for Faculty Senate this fall
    - v. Revisions are organized into 4 independent sections available on [Google Drive](#)

- vi. Dean Rossi explained Revisions for section 1 on Apportionment and Voting
    - 1. Question from council about whether language only counts tenure-track faculty in apportionment algorithm
    - 2. Dean Rossi deferred to red-lined copy language that doesn't mention tenure track faculty – so CT faculty are included in the faculty count
    - 3. Question from council about when changes would take effect
    - 4. Chair Naylor mentioned it would be effective as soon as the Faculty Senate approves the changes.
  - vii. Dean Rossi explained Revisions for section 2 on Standing Committees
    - 1. No questions asked on proposed changes
  - viii. Chair Naylor stopped continued review of proposed changes for remaining sections due to time
6. Vote was proposed on Revisions to section 1 & 2 by Chair Naylor since 2/3 of the council was present
- a. Concern was raised by council about lack of term limits and allowing for some turnover for fresh ideas following a similar approach as the Faculty Senate
  - b. Dean Rossi was concerned that “We’ve lost good people” on the council because 2 terms was too short a time for them to serve. He suggested a higher term limit number.
  - c. A proposal from the council was offered of setting a 3 term limit
  - d. Seeing a need for further discussion, Chair Naylor suggested to postpone vote on revision sections 1 & 2
    - i. Asked that council members review the red-lined documents before we meet again
    - ii. Chair Naylor suggested calling a town hall meeting for further discussion if council was willing to meet – or we could postpone vote until next regular meeting