

## Graduate Council Meeting

April 19, 2024, 10:00am

MCCC319

### Minutes

**Present:** Adams, Baker, Butler, Clements, Hardin, Heaster (virtual), Henline (guest), Kumpiene, Reed (guest), Stout O'Dell (guest), Yakubow

**Absent:** Ensor, Evans

- Call to Order at 10:02 am
- Tuition waivers or discounts for graduate programs
  - Reviewed discounts offered by Marshall University (\$500 for first semester for alums who come directly to grad from undergrad) and University of Charleston (20% for alums, 10% for military/law enforcement).
  - Questions raised about need for/effectiveness of tuition discounts: why are people not coming? Competition is fierce.
  - Need for nontraditional students in face of enrollment cliff.
  - Henline still needs to run the numbers for per credit hour costs for graduate programs (and thus what amount of discount that could be offered), including the additional staffing needs (e.g., admissions, registrar, financial aid, faculty).
  - Baker raised the issue of immediate transition to graduate school is less than ideal for first-year teachers. Butler raised alternative of 2-3 years; Clements suggested all alums.
- Approval of the Graduate Studies Council meeting (April 5, 2024) minutes—tabled
- Review Academic Probation and Suspensions recommendations from the subcommittee
  - Discussion of previous decision to terminate students with a D, F, or FIW.
  - Discussion of repeat policy: can students repeat a C grade, and if so, should it replace the C grade. Baker motion to allow to repeat one C grade, but not to require repeating that course, with replacement grade to stand (Hardin second); individual programs may impose stricter limits (Heaster friendly amendment). The original C grade still counts toward the maximum of 1 C grade. Motion carried.
- Graduate Council Chair Nominations (with secret ballot to follow)--will be conducted via email.
- Student loads for summer
  - MBA built to have 9 hours in summer, but current summer max load 6 hours.
  - Hardin motion to raise summer hours to 9 (Yakubow second). Motion carried.