

Attending: Donie Bret-Harte, Mike Earnest, Lara Horstmann, Holly Sherouse, Amy Lovecraft, Vince Cee, Sophie Gilbert, Mike Daku, Laura Bender, Jayne Harvie, John Eichelberger, Christina Chu, John Yarie

I. Minutes from 9/30/13 were passed, with one correction.

II. GAAC discussed a revised version of the form for students who wish to walk through graduation. It was felt that the new version is now clear, and GAAC approved it.

III. GAAC discussed the graduate schools formulation of a policy for dealing with errors in theses. The graduate school reviews all theses for errors. They will return the thesis to the student if more than 15 errors have to be corrected. The need for this arose because most of the time is spent on just a few theses. GAAC recommended changing the term “fatal error” to “excessive errors.” GAAC is not required to approve this policy, but felt that it was reasonable.

IV. GAAC discussed the request from Peter Webley (via Dave Valentine) to reconsider the thesis completion date for international students, which has recently been changed to 60 days post defense from two weeks post-defense. It was suggested that we ask both Peter and Carol Holz from international programs to address the committee.

V. New assignments were made. The next meeting will be October 21st at 3:30 pm, because Donie will be out of town on October 28. After that, there will be no meetings until November 11.

John Eichelberger noted that on November 19 there will be a workshop for younger faculty on “Best practices in mentoring graduate students”, featuring Sophie and Christina