

## Appendix 7

### College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Committee Meeting 18 October 2013

Dr. Dave Pretty called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm. There was no quorum so a vote was taken to conduct business in the absence of a quorum. The vote to do so was unanimous.

The minutes for the 30 August 2013 CAS Graduate Committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Jeff Sinn presented a report from the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee. Two new courses (HIST 502, PEAC 502) and modification of a third (GEOG 500) were approved.

Dean Karen Kedrowski addressed the group describing the proposals being considered to modify the number and structure of graduate assistantships. Faculty comments included the need for timely decisions about which programs will be awarded support and what form this will take as we shift to a system where the number and form of assistantships available to each program each year will no longer be fixed. The proposed flexibility in support between tuition waivers and stipends was seen as a positive development. Dean Kedrowski stated that is unlikely that we would be moving to a system in the College of Arts and Sciences in which the proposed teaching assistants would have full charge of courses (including development and design) in the near future. She suggested that in our college we would more likely to be using graduate students as supplemental instructors than as full teaching assistants.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(substituting for Heather Evans-Anderson, Secretary)