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TO: Dr. Renée M. Laegreid, Chair, University of Wyoming Faculty Senate
FROM: University of Wyoming Graduate Council
SUBJECT: Academic Year 2022-2023 Report

Dear Chair Laegreid,

Throughout the 2022-23 academic year, the University of Wyoming Graduate Council (GC) completed the following tasks as aligned with the functions and powers delegated to the Graduate Council by virtue of UW Regulation 2-302 outlined below:

Functions: “The Council shall recommend the broad policies concerning the overall University function in graduate education and the University requirements for graduate degrees. It shall advise the Faculty Senate on any proposed changes in UW Regulations which would affect graduate programs.”

Powers: “The Council shall advise on the formulation and review of regulations concerned with graduate education. It shall review proposals and make recommendations to the Provost and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs concerning new graduate programs, substantive changes in existing graduate programs, implementation of changes in graduate programs recommended through program reviews, and deletion of graduate programs.”

The following academic program proposals were reviewed and approved:

- MBA Advanced Accounting Concentration (*approved 11 September 2022*)
- Name change from Program in Ecology to Program in Ecology and Evolution (*approved 28 September 2022*)
- Feasibility study for the Quick-Start (4+1) BS/MS in Nutrition and Dietetics (*approved 16 March 2023*)
- Feasibility study for the MEng in Energy and Petroleum Engineering (*approved 1 April 2023*)

The following award applications were reviewed, with assessment results provided to the School of Graduate Education:

- Under-Represented Domestic Minority Graduate Assistantships [13 proposals]
- Women in Graduate Education Graduate Assistantships [6 proposals]
- Energy GA Graduate Assistantships 2023-2024 [23 proposals]
- Graduate Awards (Distinguished Graduate Faculty Mentor Award [2 nominees], Mid-Career Graduate Faculty Mentor Award [3 nominees], Early-Career Graduate Faculty Mentor Award [4 nominees], John P. Ellbogen Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Awards [6 nominees], Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award [3 nominees], Outstanding Dissertation Award [4 nominees])



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Reports from the Graduate Council were provided to Associate Vice President Jim Ahern regarding the following topics:

- Supported Dr. Tawfik Elshehabi to serve as co-chair or required member of graduate student committee for three years. Did not support him as a chair of any graduate student committees (*approved 11 September 2022*)
- The Graduate Council faculty members selected Madison Aiman to serve as the GC MS representative and Yu Song as the GC Ph.D. representative (*approved 28 September 2022*)
- Do not support the request to decrease required 42 out of 72 total credit hours for Ph.D. works to zero credit hour. (*Report to School of Graduate Education dated 14 February 2023*)

A report from the Graduate Council was provided to the Faculty Senate on the following topics:

- Approved the UW Regulation 2-13 proposal to move the Science and Math Teaching Center (SMTIC) from School of Graduate Education to the College of Education (*Report to Faculty Senate dated 8 November 2022*)

The Graduate Council is currently developing the definition of Graduate Faculty and discussing the Ph.D. Graduate Committee Formation. Please note that at the time of this report, the Graduate Council still has one meeting remaining in the 2022-23 academic year. As such, tasks completed subsequent to the provision of this document will be included in the 2022-23 academic year report.

I would like to sincerely thank the following members of the Graduate Council for their efforts: Madison Aiman; Saman Aryana; Jared Bushman; David Christianson; Nicole Gautier (Spring 2023); Elliot Hulley; Eric Johnson; John Kambutu; Jennifer Malmberg (Fall 2022); Kam Ng; Tawnya Plumb (Spring 2023); Deb Person (Fall 2022); Linda Price; Kelly Simonton; Jenna Shim; Temple Stoellinger (Fall 2022); Yu Song; Beth Vanderborgh. I appreciate the time and energy this wonderful group of colleagues have invested in graduate education at the University of Wyoming. I wish Saman Aryana good fortune in serving as Chair and Jared Bushman as chair-elect in 2023-24.

Sincerely,

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