GRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
1:30 – 3:30 PM | PES 2005

I. Introduction to the Graduate Council (Baumgarth) 1:30 pm
   a. Introduction of Members, Representatives, and Analysts
   b. Structure of Graduate Council
   c. Internal Guidelines for Subcommittees & Assignments
   d. Confidentiality/Structure of Meetings and Agenda Materials
   e. Consent Calendar Items
   f. Requests for Consultations (RFCs)
   g. Recusal Expectations – Conflict of Interest
   h. Graduate Council Priorities

II. Announcements 2:15 pm
   a. Graduate Council Chair (Baumgarth)
   b. Vice Provost and Dean Graduate Studies (Mohapatra)
      • This year there will be $400k for investment and recruitment of graduate students.
      • A digital communications position has been approved by the Provost to assist with marketing and dissemination of information for the graduate programs. The position is expected to be filled by the end of the quarter.
      • Roughly about 16 million has been distributed in block grants.
      • Currently looking at different avenues to potentially waive the candidacy fee.
      • Would like Graduate Council to discuss more issues that affect graduate programs across the board, including:
         o TA Allocations
         o FTE’s and Graduate Groups
         o Mentoring
      • Dean personal priorities:
         o PhD students and financial support
         o Central funding to develop more online programs at the graduate level.
      • System-wide priorities:
         o Mentorship
         o Mental health
         o Bring awareness regarding students and academic careers
         o GSR’s
   c. Graduate Studies Associate Deans (Waterhouse & Delplanque)
      • No updates at this time.
   d. CCGA – Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (Hsu)
      • First meeting is scheduled for October.
   e. GSA – Graduate Student Association (Taggueg)
Graduate Student Orientation started September 20th, over a thousand students were in attendance.

Preparing for the first general assembly meeting in October, the Chancellor is expected to attend the assembly meeting in November.

Vice President Alyssa is currently recruiting students to serve on various advisory committees on campus.

f. PSA – Postdoctoral Scholars Association (Abdelfattah)
   Not in attendance.

g. GSADC – Graduate Student Assistant to the Dean and Chancellor (Hope)
   Currently recruiting for the Chancellor’s Student Advisory Board.

III. Consent Calendar 2:45 pm
    a. Initiation of Graduate Program Reviews
       Motion to approve: unanimously approved.

IV. New Business 2:50 pm
    a. Program Review Schedule
       Realignment of the graduate program review schedule in order to achieve a schedule in which roughly equal numbers of graduate programs are reviewed each year.
       Motion to approve: unanimously approved.

    b. PRCC Membership Pilot Program
       Goal of the pilot program is to reduce the workload of the PRC Chair and Vice-Chair so that they do not have to serve concurrently on PRC and PRCC. Instead previous Chairs of GC/PRC will be asked to serve. Three additional GC members were also asked to serve on PRCC. These are: William Horwath, Duncan Temple-Lang (appointed Chair of PRCC) and Kyoungmi Kim. All three agreed to serve.
       Motion to approve pilot program: unanimously approved.

V. Continuing Business 3:15 pm
    a. History Degree Requirements
       Motion to approve: unanimously approved.