GRADUATE COUNCIL
AGENDA
April 8, 2016
9:00AM – 11:00AM | Plant and Environmental Sciences, Room 3001

I. Announcements 9:00 AM

a. Graduate Council Chair (Paw U)
   - IGPS, Undergraduate Council is working on forming an Academic Integrity Group – UGC wants a representative to sit on the workgroup
   - ESL wants a representative for the way that ESL is going to be taught – KT needs a volunteer to sit on this committee – KT will ask Ana – otherwise KT will ask individuals to fill this role
   - Need a representative for the June RA meeting – Cathy will represent GC at the RA June meeting – Check to make sure this won’t be an issue as she is a RA member as well
   - Professor of Teaching RFC – send to APD – has this gone out yet? Due date?

b. Vice Provost and Dean Graduate Studies (Mohapatra)
   - Aims to improve graduate education – need an increase in resources to accomplish
     - Looking to raise money from external donors
     - Trying to double the number of fellowships currently offered for students
     - Create incentives for faculty to support graduate education through teaching, expansion of current programs, and creation of new programs
     - Proposal to change the office of Graduate Studies to the School of Graduate Studies
     - Schedule a GC meeting particularly for bouncing ideas around – further discussion on the issues/items that the Dean has brought up
     - IGPS – Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Students

c. Graduate Studies Associate Deans (Calvert & Delplanque)
   - Continuing to work on Student Mentoring – will have further information/announcements at later meetings

d. CCGA – Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (Beckett)
   - Increasing self-supporting graduate programs – main issue at the last meeting
     - Concern about the quality, and overestimation/underestimation of income and cost to administer these programs
     - Concern about the recruitment for the VC of Research
   - State Audit – reports on the UC budget process
   - Sexual Harassment – Training and Policies – Mandatory Reporting was an issue

e. GSA – Graduate Student Association (Washington)
   Update provided by Katrina Brock (GSA Representative)
- Mentorship is still being worked on
- IGPS – Grad Slam is from 1:30 – 3:00 pm in Ballroom A&B in the Conference Center
- Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence – discussed this issue and input for the UCOP task force
- Concerns regarding Title 9 reporting
- TA Union has offered to represent any students that do not comply with the mandatory reporting as they are not in agreement with the current policy

f. PSA – Postdoctoral Scholars Association (Ashby)
   - Not present

g. GSADC – Graduate Student Assistant to the Dean and Chancellor (Vonasek)
   - Not present

II. Consent Calendar – Posted on the ASIS whiteboard 9:35 AM
   a. Meeting summary from March 17, 2016
   b. Neuroscience – Affiliation with the DE in Biophotonics and Bioimaging
      All Items Passed

III. New Business Items 9:40 AM
   a. Biophysics
      i. PRC Report
      ii. David Richman, Ad Hoc Committee Chair invited to present at 9:40
         - Program has no access to TA-ships for students
         - This is a critical time for the program to determine its success
         - The Dean indicated that they could develop undergraduate courses and funnel funds from the undergraduate courses to the Biophysics graduate program – this looked promising to the Ad Hoc Committee
         - Emphasize the lack of administrative support in the report
         - Suggestion to have the Biophysics GG partner with the newly developing undergraduate major in Quantitative Biology
         - This program has no profile in CBS – potentially take out of CBS to help with this issue

   GC Transmittal Letter – Nicole Baumgarth to draft
   Put the Transmittal Letters to E-Vote

   b. Economics
      i. PRC Report
      ii. Walter Stone, Ad Hoc Committee Chair invited to present at 9:55
         - Fellowship competition was an issue that came up – would like to have one fellowship that they can control – Grad Studies would need to address this
         - One issue is the large number of international students
         - The rate of student attrition was a large concern to PRC
         - ER felt that they need a way to better vet their incoming students – program is debating changing the first year experience for students
The program is considering opening an MA program to admit students directly – currently only have an exit option
- The program aims to support all students

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c. GSR Tuition Waiver – Tabled to April 20th Meeting Agenda
d. Digitizing Theses and Dissertations
   Motion to approve/endorse - seconded, unanimously approved
e. GC2012-02 Policy (Master’s Degree Capstone Requirement)
   - Edit the link to the CCGA Handbook – update link to reference the latest CCGA Handbook
   Motion to approve – seconded, unanimously approved

IV. Continuing Business 10:40 AM
a. Atmospheric Science - Degree Requirements
   i. EPC to give a brief synopsis
      Motion to approve – seconded, unanimously approved
b. Graduate Student Mentoring Action Plan (GSMAP)
   i. Ad-Hoc Mentoring Committee Report (Peluffo)
      Discussed briefly – will continue on to next meeting

V. Subcommittee Reports (Posted on ASIS Whiteboard)
   a. Academic Planning and Development (Bolander)
b. Administrative (Paw U)
c. Bylaws (Burman)
d. Courses (Longo)
e. Educational Policy (Sundaresan)
f. Program Review (Baumgarth)
g. Program Review Closure (VandeVoort)
h. Support (Arnett)
i. Welfare (Peluffo)

Unable to attend: Erica Vonasek