I. Announcements

a. Graduate Council Chair (Paw U)
   - New Dean of Graduate Studies will begin March 20th.
   - Chancellor Katehi will give State of the campus report at Representative Assembly Meeting today at 2:10 SCC MPR room, everyone encouraged to go.
   - Dean Gibeling will have an update on the exit survey analysis by the March Graduate Council meeting.
   - International Commercial Law (ICL) transfer to Department Program may come up for e-vote before the next meeting.
   - SSDP committee met to consider several programs
   - Met with GSA leadership on mentoring and diversity
   - Provost’s Chair’s meeting – budget discussed; structural campus deficit a continued problem.
   - Executive Council – search waiver committee formed; retirement plan changes; the issue of incubator space was discussed; Space committee will be expanded from 4 to 8 members.

b. Vice Provost and Dean Graduate Studies (Gibeling)
   - New Dean for Graduate Studies will begin on March 20th.
   - Partnering with the University of Pennsylvania with funding from the Mellon Foundation – HSI pathways – to support Hispanic students moving into PhDs.
   - HSI Pathways partners – Florida International, University of Texas El Paso, CSU, Northridge
   - Goal is to have 90 students total move through the HSI pathway.
   - Ongoing graduate admissions, application numbers slightly ahead of last year.
   - GS efforts to monitor the mentoring students on campus.

c. Graduate Studies Associate Deans (Calvert & Delplanque)

d. CCGA – Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (Beckett)
   - Mentoring to be discussed at the March meeting, CCGA is interested in knowing what Graduate Council is doing on this issue.
   - Financial and budget issues are under discussion.
   - Approval of programs without going through Graduate Studies is an issue being discussed.

e. GSA – Graduate Student Association (Washington)
   - Mentorship is still an issue of concern being worked on.
f. PSA – Postdoctoral Scholars Association (Ashby)
   • Post Docs have difficulty getting the word out on relevant events being held on campus
   • Excellence in Post-Doctoral Research Award; Graduate Council is encouraged to get the word out for this award.
g. GSADC – Graduate Student Assistant to the Dean and Chancellor (Vonasek)
   • Grand Slam to be held Tuesday March 1st – systemwide competition, Chancellors Graduate Student Advisory Board and undergraduate Advisory Board are collaborating on the mentorship issue.
h. Program Review Closure (VandeVoort)
   • Proposed to have a set timeframe for deadlines given on transmittal letters for program responses. To ensure closure of program reviews in a timely manner it was recommended that a deadline of 30 days be given for programs to respond, and deadline extensions be considered on a case by case basis.

II. Consent Calendar – Posted on the ASIS whiteboard
   a. Meeting summary from January 28, 2016
   b. Ecology Graduate Group – Bylaws Revisions
   c. Geology Graduate Group – Bylaws Revisions
      • Pulled from consent by Dean Gibeling
   d. Communication – Bylaw Revisions

III. New Business Items
   a. Preventive Veterinary Medicine
      i. PRC Report
         1. Bradley Pollock – Ad Hoc Committee Chair (15 minutes)
         2. Ashley Hill – Program Chair (15 minutes) to arrive at 9:40 am
         • Motion for Endorsement of PRC Report.
            ▪ Vote: Unanimously Approved.
   b. Biochemistry, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
      i. PRC Report
         • Motion for Endorsement of PRC Report.
            ▪ Vote: Unanimously Approved.
   c. Horticulture & Agronomy – QE Blanket Exception
      i. EPC recommendation to approve
      ii. Bylaws recommendation
         • Motion to deny the request; ask the program to consider having the faculty assist the students in finding an external member for the QE committee.
            ▪ Vote: Unanimously Approved.

IV. Continuing Business
   a. Graduate Student Mentoring Action Plan (GSMAP)
      i. Mentoring Award Proposal – Graduate Studies
         • A mentoring ideas document was presented to the committee by Graduate Council Chair Kyaw Tha Paw U.
   b. Graduate Student Diversity – Tabled
i. Diversity Report – Graduate Studies

V. Subcommittee Reports  (Posted on ASIS Whiteboard) 10:45 AM
   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) – to be presented at meeting
   h. Support (Arnett)
   i. Welfare (Peluffo)

VI. Academic Senate Requests for Consultation (RFC) 11:00 AM
    Posted on the ASIS whiteboard- Informational only