

## Graduate Faculty Senate Meeting Feb 27, 2018

In attendance: Royce Barondes, Doug Clem, Sarah diem, Jeni Hart, Ashley Siebenaler, Lissa Behm-Morawitz, Keith Greenwood, Emma Lipton, Laura McCann, Xinghe Wang, Bret Ulery (for Kurt Hammond), Alan Parrish, Xuemin Yan, Sarah Senff, Amy DeClue, Azlin Mustapha, Isa Jahnke, Cheryl Offutt, Jill Kanalay, Gui DeSouza, Carlow Wexler, Sue Boren Deidra Wipke-Tevis, Tony Lupo.

Meeting called to order @ 3:35pm

Agenda: approved

Meeting minutes from January meeting: approved

Committee reports:

- a. Academic Affairs-Prof. Azlin Mustapha  
89 total courses approved by committee  
Course 8500 which was tabled from the last meeting, title was changed to Systems Level Behavior Analysis from Organizational Behavior management.

Request for additional filter on output list that may notate whether course is new or an addition to existing course. List is output by the CIM system and there are some limitations for filters and information.

Courses for deactivation are sent directly to Dr. Hart, she approves and will advise the senate of which courses are sent for deactivation. Some courses are still being sent to committee, Dr. Hart will re-visit with registrar.

Moved for approval  
Seconded  
Approved

Office of Graduate Studies report- Dr. Jeni Hart, Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies and Associate Vice Provost for Advanced Studies.

\*Graduate stipends to change starting in the fall of 2018. Change to affect 9 month appointments only. Check will be dispersed equally over 9 months period to equal 10 payments.

\*Sarah Senff brought up an idea of a payment plan that was brought up a couple of years ago. Dr. Hart is going to research this further. As of right now there is no plan in place.

\*questions regarding the updates of program closures. There were recommendations sent to the provost and chancellors but at this time there has been no action taken. Provost asked Deans to provide information for the recommended programs.

\*OGS new website will be up and active by the end of March. GFS will also have a new site.

\*Issues that was raised by Leona last year, Dr. Hart will be hosting on new website a Conflict of interest for students. Guidelines for their responsibilities and involvement if they are working with faculty on startups and how that will relate with their dissertations and research.

\*how are applications: application numbers are down 5.4%, domestic is up 50, and international are down by 200. Diversity numbers are up. We had 132 fellowship applications which is up from last year.

\*At this time last year we had approx. 250 applications that a decision had not been made yet either by the department or OGS. This year there are approx. 1700 where a decision has not been made.

#### Graduate Student Association:

Thank you to the OGS and GSA there are 4 writing retreats scheduled for the semester, Mar 9, April 5, 13, and May 11. Sign up online.

GSA is testing the need for a longer writing retreat. They have scheduled one over spring break for Mar 26/27.

Writers rooms are scheduled every Thursday from 6-9. GSA is looking for rooms to have the writing room, rooms that are quiet and free.

4 retreats for ESL writing

Chancellor is looking into Career development for both Grad and professional students. Dr. Hart to lead initiative for preparing students for careers outside the academy.

Working on the cultural shift with PhD students not wanting to go into the academy. Number of students deciding to not work in academia and defining success for these students.

Concern with name change for GFS, GSA and GPC merge July 1. GSA will no longer exist but programs will. There was confusion as to which group did what by both students, faculty and administrators. The new group will continue to serve Graduate students.

#### Vote for name changes for GFS and FC.

Institutions within the system and similar institutions all use Graduate Faculty council to refer to the organization.

#### Possible names:

Graduate Faculty Council

Graduate Council

Council on Graduate Faculty

#### First vote between:

A. Graduate Faculty Council

A. Council Graduate Faculty

Or

B. Graduate Council

Vote A=10

B=7

Abstain=2

#### Second vote between

A. Graduate Faculty Council

B. Council of Graduate Faculty

Vote A=12

B= 7

Name: Graduate Faculty Council.

Name change is contingent on Faculty Council changing their name. if they don't change then name will be the same.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:45