

Graduate Council Minutes

February 21, 2008

Present: Jennifer Clarke, Chair, Michelle Athanasiou, Brian Johnson, Tracy Mueller, Kacy Guill, Robert Murray, Sean O'Halloran, Robbyn Wacker, Frances Braafhart-recording secretary
Absent: Hannah Schertz, Dianna Gray, Rutilio Martinez

The meeting was called to order.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Agenda approved by voice vote. The January 17 minutes were also approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

There was discussion regarding the first draft of the questions pertaining to scholarship. Jennifer will work on the responses and develop a concise and shortened list for the March 13th Council meeting in which Provost Harraf will be in attendance. Robert Murray suggested that the location of the next council meeting be moved to the Music Library at Frasier Hall. Robert will check into the availability of the room and confirm.

Robbyn Wacker is restructuring the graduate/teaching assistantship process. The new model will provide an increase in stipend and include tuition and fees depending on TA/GA workload: 1 credit hour of classroom instruction equates to 3 hours of workload. TA/GA allocation information will be distributed to colleges next week. Robbyn's goal for next year is to develop an equitable formula for distributing the allocation to colleges/programs.

Robbyn informed the Council about a new "Graduate Dean Scholarship" for selected programs across campus. This new scholarship will target programs that need a shot in the arm but also help programs compete with other universities in regards to recruitment.

McGuire and Associates will continue their consulting work on tuition and elasticity. .

The Sponsored Programs and Academic Research Center (SPARC) will be re-evaluated and restructured. Robbyn indicated that focus groups will be formed to discuss research and SPARC's involvement and process in relation to grants.

No student report

ACTION ITEMS

Program Review -No report

Standards Committee:

There were 4 new appointments reviewed: 3 were approved as submitted and 1 was recommended GF due to lack of committee work. Three reappointments were reviewed and approved as submitted. All in favor of Standards Committee recommendations by voice.

There was discussion regarding the development of separate criteria for graduate faculty status for school directors. This is a continuing issue in the cases of faculty who are now school directors and who are no longer current in their scholarship or juried publications. Standards Committee would like to see an appeal s process put in place for these exceptions. These cases would be reviewed by Standards but would go forward to the Graduate School Dean for final approval or denial.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Provost Harraf will attend the next Council meeting. Any suggested topics for discussion?

COMMENTS

Ellen Gregg has resigned from Council due to her appointment as Director of the School of Human Sciences. Ellen will be asked to forward a recommendation to the dean for her replacement for the rest of the term.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.