

## Graduate Council Meeting (Kick-off Luncheon)

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Roberson at approx 12:15 p.m. Attendees: Casamatta, Chant, Eggen, Gallo, Hallblade, Jordan, Noonan, Shaw, Sheehan-Dean, Zhan, Candler, Roberson, Kapcio

Dr. Roberson welcomed the Graduate Council members back for the 2010-2011 academic year and explained that Graduate Program Directors were invited as well in order to help set an agenda for the council this year.

Dr. Roberson presented the agenda for the meeting. The Graduate School is moving to a new location in Building 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) during the week of October 11-15. He introduced the Graduate School staff and recent staff member changes.

Dr. Roberson explained the recent Out-of-State GA/GRA/GTA Policy. The graduate school processed 21 graduate students as out-of-state GA/GRA/GTAs. He explained that graduate students must meet established criteria.

Dr. Roberson gave a timeline for the GALC Graduate Academic Learning Compacts (formerly GLO - Grad Learning Outcomes). In general, the GALC will be due to Dr. Roberson in March 2010 and will be reviewed with feedback provided. Revisions will then be made and the final GALC will be due in July/August. The 2011-2012 year will begin the four year assessment cycle.

Kiersten Jarvis presented the new Graduate School website featuring links to the following: an online Graduate Program Director handbook, a Change of Major Form, the Academic Common Market page, and a residency reclassification form.

Keith Martin talked about the Academic Common Market; he answered questions about the program and serves as the primary point of contact.

Kiersten distributed and explained the Graduate Program Profiles. If directors need additional break down, Kiersten is the point of contact.

Kiersten reminded attendees that limited staff resources at the graduate school no longer permit students to have their GPA calculated prior to applying to a program.

Dr. Roberson opened the floor for any issues the members would like to see on the agenda for this academic year.

- the new GRE; a suggestion to have a common presentation for all on the new GRE testing and its potential impact
- discuss the university/state policy on GRE consideration in the graduate admissions process; i.e. there is interest in researching/pursuing a policy change in order to allow programs to waive/substitute for GRE

- MAT (Miller Analogies Test) and possibility of university support for the test
- pursue a GA orientation and ongoing professional development for graduate students
- the issue of GPDs who are 9 month employees, but the bulk of the work is during the summer term for which no compensation is provided - GPDs were advised by Dr. Roberson to follow-up with the appropriate academic dean.
- the definitions of “currently enrolled” or “active” impact student library privileges; a request for a conversation with the registrar regarding “0” (zero) credit issue
- request to share FTE information (targets) with GPDs
- research/propose a tuition differential for online courses and for certain unique programs

The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be on Tues., Nov. 30, 2010 at 12:15 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room.

Dr. Roberson adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patrice Kapcio