

Graduate Council Meeting

Minutes

April 29, 2015

President's Conference Room, 1/2400

Members: Bruey, Candler, Christie, Curry, Elfayoumy, Gilg, Jaeger, Christopher Johnson, Kantner, Lange, Lichty, Nies, Pascale, Tiryakioglu, Vose, Zoellner.

Dr. Kantner calls the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Kantner welcomes the Council members to the last Council meeting of the school year. He gives an update on the Graduate Research Symposium and the Open House. He also mentions the resignation of the current Program Assistant Danielle Stedham.

He then makes a motion to approve the minutes for the March Graduate Council meeting. All were in favor with none opposed.

Bylaws

Dr. Kantner proposes that the membership of the Council remain as it is, rather than allowing all Program Directors to attend. He expressed that the size would increase and having one representative per Department seems best.

A motion was then made to approve the Bylaws (Dr. Kantner). All were in favor with one exception.

A member of the Council asked who will attend the Graduate Council meetings in place of the Dean if he is unavailable. After discussion, the Dean agreed to include a section within the Bylaws stating that if the Dean of the Graduate School is unable to attend the Council meeting, then a substitute will be appointed (a substitute of his choice).

A motion was made to approve the Bylaws with the new correction. All were in favor with none opposed.

Graduate Assistantship Update

Dr. Kantner was asked to assemble data on the numbers for revenue and expenditures for Graduate Assistants. The report was assembled last month and was given to the Provost and Shari Shuman. He was also asked to give commentaries about the investment analysis. The Dean explained that he is trying to make a case for stipend and waiver authority increase.

The Graduate Council then began to discuss the difference between the out of state fees being set to zero for a Graduate Assistant and partial tuition waivers. The members proposed that students are going to other schools and comparing opportunities. The quality of Graduate students would be raised by offering resources. In response, the Dean explained when an analysis was completed based on those who were accepted but did not enter the program, funding was a primary reason.

Marketing Update

Dr. Pascale gives a summary of the collaboration the Graduate School has made with First Coast news and the creation of a Facebook landing page. The launch began on March 28, 2015 and has been live since. There have been quite a few impressions and clicks on the page. She explained that she will follow up with First Coast News about the meaning of some of the items listed on the page. Dr. Kantner then brought up the idea of a more detailed discussion about how to use the resources available to the Graduate School for the next fiscal year. He also mentioned that he met with Albert Colom on how to integrate Graduate students in regards to marketing and recruitment.

Order of Business for the next school year:

- Graduate Assistantships
- Five year accelerated programs
- Cross list of courses
- Course enrollment thresholds
- Tuition rates for Graduate students

Dr. Kantner adjourns the meeting at 1:00 p.m.