

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 2015
Student Union, 58W, Room 3703

Members: Mettler, Kantner, Candler, Pascale, Churilla, Umapathy, Swanson, Curry, Colom, Provost, Bruey, Goel, Schwam-Baird, Stone, Gallo, Tiryakioglu, Johnson, Alloway, Nies.

Guests: Stromquist, Lilley

The meeting begins at 12:15am.

Dr. Kantner welcomes the Council members and introduces the new members of the Council and Graduate School Staff. John Whalen and Albert Colom are new members of the Council. Brittany Stromquist is the Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator and Paige Lilley is the Coordinator of Admissions in the Graduate School. He then gave an update on Enrollment, explaining how the Graduate School is moving away from print advertisement and moving toward Social Media. Brittany Stromquist added how she intends to use Social Media and other resources for prospective students.

Dr. Kantner then spoke on the Graduate Programs that have been approved and the programs that are in the process of being approved. Elizabeth Curry added that she gets the proposals for new Graduate Programs and at first there is no need for library resources and then later library resources are needed. She asked that the Directors speak with faculty so the library can be aware of what will be needed.

Dr. Kantner then gave an update on the events in the Graduate School, including the Graduate Lecture Series and the Recruitment Fairs. Dr. Pascale explained that more fairs can be added to the list for this year, if needed. Dr. Kantner explained that the Program Directors can nominate their recent thesis student for the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools 2016 thesis awards, or someone who has completed their thesis in the past couple of years. One of the Council members asked if the email about the awards will go to the students? Dr. Kantner explained that it has to go through the Program, but the email can be sent to the students. He also mentioned UNF's research week will take place the week of April 11-15. The Symposium will take place at the University of Florida on April 22nd.

Dr. Kantner then made a motion to approve minutes. All were in favor with none opposed.

The Council then discussed Graduate Assistantships. Dr. Kantner spoke on the different times of assistantship and the types of waivers that go along with them including the new out of state reduction. He also referenced the additional \$100,000 the Graduate School received for the next school year. One of the Council members then asked if the tuition

waiver can also be included for someone who is from the Academic Common Market. Dr. Kantner answered that it can all be packaged together. He is trying to make it possible so that the packages can be used to recruit students.

Dr. Kantner then explained the current allocation model created by Dr. Roberson in fiscal year 14. The Council then discussed the model and whether it should remain the same or be changed. Dr. Kantner mentioned that he would like to dedicate the next Council meeting on this topic. One of the Council members asked if there is a mechanism where fee waivers can be created. Dr. Kantner explained that this is unlikely, but he would look into this.

The Council then discussed the accelerated programs. Students are able to complete the undergraduate and the graduate degree in five years. As of now, Computing has the accelerated program. Dr. Kantner explained that there is a specific model for these types of programs and that the Faculty Association has asked to review these programs.

As the meeting ends, Dr. Kantner expressed that there have been some questions about students graduating within a term they are not registered. He explained that this is possible however the programs might want to have a flexible thesis course, so the students can use all of UNF's resources.

Items to revisit:

- Graduate Assistantships
- Current Allocation model

Meeting adjourned at 1:21pm