

Graduate Administrators Council (GAC)
Batten Arts and Letters Building Room 9024
January 15, 2009
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Attending: Philip Langlais, chair, Brenda Neumon Lewis, Martha Walker, Ted Remley, Robert Wojtowicz, Mona Danner, Sharon Judge, Osman Akan, Mike Overstreet, Chris Osgood, Ali Ardalan, Brenda Stevenson Marshall, Yin Xu

Guest: Worth Pickering, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Research and Assessment

Approval of December 18, 2008 Minutes

Minutes were approved without changes.

Updates/Announcements

Dr. Philip Langlais reminded Council of the arrival of a team of consultants from the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). The consultants will meet with GAC on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Wojtowicz who is coordinating the visits has changed the forum with the CGS consultants from two sessions to one, held in Chandler Recital Hall of the Diehn Fine Arts building on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Dr. Langlais reminded the Council that their projection of needs for AY2009-2010 teaching assistants are due by Friday, January 16, 2009.

Discussion on new Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey (GSSS)

Dr. Worth Pickering announced that the transition to a newer version of WEAVE is still underway. When the comparison of old and new data is complete, he will alert the appropriate parties. Dr. Pickering presented the most current version of the GSSS. A number of questions were raised and recommendations made for changes to the survey. Additional updates are required. He requested that GAC members review the current version and submit additional changes to him by email.

Report on the Issues related to Interface of Academic Affairs/Student Affairs

Dr. Robert Wojtowicz distributed a list of new solutions to topics concerning coordination between the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and the Office of Graduate Studies that he and Mike DeBowes had developed. Dr. Brenda Neumon Lewis suggested that if a student were to be reinstated, there should be new language in the reinstatement letter that implies although the student has been allowed to return, they do not have a secured place in a degree program. Dr. Wojtowicz suggested that he and Dr. Neumon Lewis meet to discuss further other procedures relating to this issue.

Updates from the 2008-09 Sub-Committees

University Thesis/Dissertation

Dr. Mona Danner reported that the Committee has met and talked with the Library and UMI ProQuest. The issue is still in process.

GTA Institute (Criteria for Evaluation of Oral Presentation and Recommendation for Continued Training)

Dr. Wojtowicz indicated that there was no report from the subcommittee on GTAI. He suggested that talks be postponed until after the CGS talks scheduled for later in the month. Dr. Ali Ardalan has agreed to lead the GTAI Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.