

GCC - 09.16.2024 - Meeting Minutes (Naylor)

1. Welcome
2. Dean's Report
 - a. Brief overview of GCC and thanks of serving
 - b. Leadership changes
 - i. CEHD, Rena Hallam, interim Dean
 - ii. COE Jaime Phillips, interim Dean
 - iii. Research Office Miguel Garcia-Diaz Vice President for Research
 - c. Enrollments F24
 - i. Doctoral enrollments: 2143 (-3 from Fall 2023, -50 from Fall 2022)
 - ii. Master's enrollments: 2045 (-84 from Fall 2023, -83 from Fall 2022)
 - d. Fall Update
 - i. Stipends: Up to \$24,500/9 months. Heading for \$27,000/9 months.
 - ii. Health Insurance - 4.6% increase
 - iii. Fees: \$5 increase to both the student center fee (\$124 per semester) and the wellbeing fee (\$357 per semester). Also being levied on part-time students; but not on online only students
 - iv. Housing: year 2, fully subscribed
 - e. Operation Rudy
 - i. Budget cuts
 1. Reductions across whole portfolio; impacting travel funding; diversity programming; GSO supplemental requests; recruiting; marketing
 2. Using reserves for one time investment in efficiency or progress
 3. Rebuilding staffing of College around admissions--will offer new trainings in SLATE
3. Election of new GCC chair (Lindsay Naylor)
4. Introduction and Election of ExComm
 - a. Adil Bentahar* (sabbatical fall 2024)
 - b. John Slate
 - c. Siyan Wong
 - d. Ho Ming Chow
 - e. Teya Rutherford
 - f. Jeff Buler
5. Purpose and mission of the GCC (Lou)
 - a. Shared governance for the College
 - i. Interdisciplinary programs
 - ii. Campus conditions for students
 - iii. Partnership with staff
6. Standing committees (Sam)
 - a. Graduate student life committee (3 faculty; 3 grad students): makes recommendations on the care and support of post-doctoral, graduate and professional students; advise the Dean on rules and regulations of

importance; bring issues to the faculty senate. Recently addressed problems of abuse of graduate student labor and verbal abuse—resulted in COE developing a graduate student bill of rights to be a model to be adopted across the university.

- b. Interdisciplinary curriculum committee: assesses curriculum; vetting procedure prior to faculty senate review; reviews non-degree certificate programs
- c. (not standing though bylaws); the DEI committee—reformed as CARES Working Group: improving equity in the application process, restructuring fees: (Ben) English department determining service workload, TBA leadership on this group

7. Previous and ad hoc committees (Sam)

- a. Advisory Committee on On-line education (2019-2021) - review online programs
- b. Graduate Student Awards Committee (annually) - to recognize student success
- c. Bylaws Revisions Committee (2024) - making adjustments that will go to faculty senate in 2024

8. Bylaws (Lou)

- a. Have identified operational flaws
- b. Group is Lou + past chairs
- c. Plan to get revisions to Excomm soon; to GCC in fall; and then to faculty senate

9. Grad Students Report

- a. No report at this time

10. Thanks to Sam for his service

11. Q&A with Lou

- a. Graduate travel changes
 - i. usually budget \$150,000—taking it down to about \$100,000
 - ii. Demand is much higher and have dipped into reserves in the past because we want students to be able to go to conferences and present papers
 - iii. We will need to dip into philanthropy here—perhaps our graduate student alumni; currently putting together a campaign, we think they will remember the importance of that travel.
 - iv. Unless there are budget changes we will need to keep the restrictions; will reassess in January/February
- b. Changes to funds, access to programs/software licenses, access to zoom; is there any way we can better communicate
 - i. Always want to communicate clearly; we were not aware of the zoom changes
 - 1. Creates difficulty for TAs (running a lab on zoom and it's restricted to 45 minutes) and for RAs hosting research meetings
- c. Is the number of fellowships changed this year?
 - i. We are planning to make a similar number of awards this year as last year