

Graduate College Executive Committee Meeting Friday, April 17, 2020 1-3pm

Attendees: James Navalta, Janet Dufek, Toni Repetti, Sara Jordan, Peter Gray, Kaushik Ghosh, Sean Clark, Doug Unger, Steen Madsen, Kate Korgan, Valarie Burke, Kara Wada, Liz Kahane, Leslie Hunter, Emily Lin

- Welcome - Dr. Toni Repetti, Chair
- Committee Reports
 - Course Review Committee - James Navalta
 - Program Committee - Greg Moody not in attendance
 - Program Review - Kaushik Ghosh
 - Awards Committees 1 & 2 - Toni Repetti & Steen Madsen
 - Appeals & Legal Issues - Sean Clark
 - Professional Development Academy Advisory Board - Valarie Burke
 - Top Tier Postdoctoral Committee & Advisory Board (TT reports due 5/7) - Valarie Burke
 - Top Tier R2PC (TT reports due 5/7) - Kara Wada & Janet Dufek
 - Top Tier Faculty & Student Support (TT reports due 5/7) - Peter Gray
 - Top Tier Innovative Programs (TT reports due 5/7) - Kate Korgan & Emily Lin
 - Faculty Senate - Doug Unger
 - GPSA - No representative present
- Graduate College Update: Kate -- May 1st from 1-3 Special Meeting
- COVID-19 Updates: See [GC COVID webpage](#) (review info)
 - [Bryan Alexander Podcast](#) and the [Spreadsheet that broke Google](#)
 - [NSHE & UNLV Budgets: It could be worse?!](#)
 - CARES Act distribution plan -- 70%; 20%; 10% need input
 - How will these funds be doled out to graduate students?
 - Mostly need based
 - Kate on the committee that formulates a viable proposal
 - Furloughs
 - Exigency
 - Hiring & Spending Freeze
 - GAs, IGAs, & PTIs
 - Approval to move forward for next year with GAs and PTIs
 - IGA funds cut in half, but since it's a new program and we will still be able to fund many of these students it's not as bad as it could be
 - Scholarships, Fellowships, SDRFs (40) & Finishing Fellows (5)
 - LOA, Student Workers
 - Renewals of current contracts are fine, but any new LOAs or SW need to send special request
 - Grad Coordinator Stipends
 - Will be paid!
 - Essential Spending (texting; OnBase; supplies)
 - Anything else needs to be requested and approved
 - GC Hiring Exemption requests/rationale
 - We have two positions that we'll move forward with that are fee-based
 - Other positions will be requested, but not expected since they come from state funds

- Other Post/Pandemic Issues to Consider
 - S/U Grading: Credits?
 - Consensus within this committee: Open to extending the amount of credits that S/U can apply to
 - Spring GAs
 - Do NOT need to make up time, they should be doing legitimate remote work for the time being
 - GA's
 - State-funded GA time limits
 - GC is suspending enforcement of these limits and sharing this with Graduate Coordinators
 - Tuition-only GAs for international students in fall
 - Possible ways to handle this
 - Enroll remotely, but can't pay stipends to those not in the US
 - Kara - export control issue for remote international students
 - GA hours
 - Fall Orientation
 - Consensus for online orientation with some level of in-person component
 - Fall [R2PC Updates](#)
 - Admit more, expect attrition
 - Extend deadlines? Campus recruitment efforts
 - International students
 - [English proficiency accommodations](#)
 - Non-matric separations: On hold
 - Non-enrollment separations: On hold
 - Fall Online Teaching for at-risk instructors (faculty & GAs)
 - [Top Tier: A Path Forward through Crisis](#)
 - Quality Assurance: GAs, grad instruction, grad mentorship, progression (link document from Janis/Faculty Senate)
 - Subcommittee to work on QA doc
 - Sara Jordan, Peter Gray, Janet Dufek, Doug Unger
 - GC will be in touch
 - Summer Post-Pandemic Pivot Planning Working Group
 - Volunteers: Sara Jordan, Sean Clark
 - GC will be in touch
 - Other COVID Updates
 - Rebel Apps & Computer Loans
 - [Emergency COVID Retention Fund](#)
 - [Graduation Videos](#)
 - Fridays @ Noon: Lunch Chats
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- [Strategic Plan](#) - HOLD for Council next Wednesday
 - Handbooks: Graduate [Faculty](#), Student, [Postdoc](#), [IDGP](#) - HOLD for next meeting
 - [Accelerated Programs](#) & Certificates - HOLD for next meeting
 - [Forms Update](#) & [Forms Spreadsheet](#)
 - [Department exams & milestone](#)
 - [S/U form](#)
 - Grade change
 - GFS

- Change in GFS status
- [Salesforce Lightning Experience](#)
- New Business
 - Graduate students must complete a minimum of 50% of coursework at 700 level *unless enrolled in a professional master's or certificate program.*
 - Online oral defense guidelines (thesis, dissertation, milestone exams, etc.)
 - Define good academic standing as students with a 3.0 or better graduate GPA or program GPA, whichever is higher, and not being on academic probation (university definition).
 - *Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 1 graduate credit in any semester when they are proposing, defending, or testing (preliminary, qualifying, comprehensive, or final exams), and a minimum of 3 credits in the semester in which they graduate.*