

Graduate College Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, Dec 4, 2020 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Webex

Attendees: Janet Dufek, Alyssa Crittenden, James Navalta, Peter Gray, Doug Unger, Steen Madsen, Kelly Mays, Greg Moody, Sara Jordan, Emily Lin, Kate Korgan, Kara Wada, Sean Clark, Nicole Thomas (GPSA),(Barbara St. Pierre Schneider & Vicki Rosser *excused*)

- Welcome from Dr. Alyssa Crittenden, Chair
Congrats to Dr. Dufek and thanks for Dr. Sara Jordan for serving as co-chair of GAWC-1
- [2020-2021 List of Committees](#) & [Committee Membership](#)
- Committee Reports
 - [Course Review Committee](#) - Dr. James Navalta, Chair
 - 13 course creations, 8 changes and deletions
 - One last meeting for 2020 on 12/9
 - [Programs Committee](#) - Dr. Greg Moody, Chair
 - 3 new programs
 - Last meeting for 2020 was 12/1
 - [Program Review Committee](#) - Dr. Kelly Mays, Chair
 - [Awards Committees 1 & 2](#) - Drs. Janet Dufek & Sara Jordan, Co-Chairs (1) & Dr. Steen Madsen, Chair (2)
 - Sara Jordan taking over for Janet Dufek on GAWC -1 (as Dr. Dufek transitions to her new role as Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs)
 - Meeting 12/10 to discuss reviewing process for scholarship and fellowship awards (over 600 award applications)
 - Meeting 12/8 to discuss Graduate Faculty Mentorship, Leadership, Grad Student Teaching, and Thesis and Dissertation awards
 - [Appeals & Legal Issues Committee](#) - Sean Clark, Chair
 - Nothing to report
 - [Top Tier Leadership & Professional Development Academy Advisory Board](#) - Dr. Valarie Burke & Dr. Sara Jordan, Chairs
 - Preparing for Spring Workshops
 - [Top Tier Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Board](#) - Dr. Barbara St. Pierre Schneider & Dr. Valarie Burke, Chairs
 - Info-gathering, surveys for post-doc website updates
 - [Top Tier GEM Working Group](#) - Dr. Emily Lin & Kara Wada, Chairs
 - Nothing to report
 - Next meeting 12/16
 - [Top Tier Graduate Faculty & Student Success Working Group](#) - Dr. Peter Gray, Chair
 - Handbook finalization
 - [Top Tier Innovative Graduate Programs Working Group](#) - Dr. Kate Korgan & Dr. Emily Lin, Chairs

- Working on proposals for suite of offerings for a customized graduate school experience that is more interdisciplinary and in line with student career goals
 - Build your own dual degrees
 - Stackable certificates or micromasters
 - [Top Tier Graduate Pivot Planning Working Group](#) - Dr. Doug Unger, Chair
 - [Document shared by Doug](#)
 - WIP
 - Looking at another meeting soon
 - New this fall: [Graduate College DEIJ Advisory Board](#)
 - Opted to not pursue diversity statement, but to take immediate action
 - New this fall: [Graduate Student Advisory Board](#) - next meeting 12/17
 - GC supporting BGSA, LGSA, and other groups in the form of scholarships, space in GTW, including student events, murals and artwork to support representation of these groups
 - Faculty Senate Updates - Dr. Vicki Rosser, Chair
 - GPSA Updates: Nicole Thomas, Secretary
 - GPSA meeting Monday, Dec 7 @ 2pm
 - Doug Unger to present
 - Dr. Frink and Dr. Herold to talk about **Get That Grant** program.
- COVID-19 Updates: See [GC COVID webpage](#) - Kate
 - [GC COVID Decision Tracking & Actions spreadsheet](#) & GC COVID [webpage](#)
 - No vaccination schedule as of yet
 - Campus closures & GTW
 - Plans to close until Jan. 11th
 - Winter, Spring & summer plans
 - S/U Grading
 - Up to 6 credits per semester spring, summer, fall of 2020 + spring 2021
 - COVID S/U policy = B- or better is an S, C+ or lower is a U
 - General S/U policy = up to 3 credits of Master's and up to 6 credits of doctoral coursework may be included in the degree program with B = S and B- and below = U (this excludes culminating experience credits)
 - Commencement for Spring & Summer/Fall
 - Doctoral commencement plans
 1. Reception - December 14 @ 3pm
 2. Ceremony - December 14 @ 4pm
 - REMO Demo @ Council
 1. Breakout groups:
 - Holistic admissions + diversity
 - Inclusion, equity & justice
 - International student recruitment + support
 - Graduate student mental and emotional wellness
 - REMO for workshops, bootcamps, events, and meetings in 2021
 - Budget updates & furloughs

- Fee position: ED Leadership & Professional Development Academy “The Grad Academy”
- Fee position: Instructional technologist & content developer
- Doctoral commencement costs

- Innovative programs - input for TT Innovative Programs committee
 - Build your own: 1) dual degree; 2) Ph.d.
 - Positive reception from GCEC members and Grad Student
 - Important to have options, especially during this time
 - A change in how students want to obtain degrees
 - Stackable certificate + culminating experience = master’s degree
- [GA Proposal](#)
 - Important to let grad students know the GC is working on this
 - Positive reception from GCEC members
- Early Alert to support graduate student mental well-being
 - More positive reception from the committee
 - CAPS has a heavy load, need more resources (possibly share some space in GTW?)
 - Food pantry services are in high demand

- Academic Affairs - Emily
 - Mandatory Individual Development Plan (IDP) [Formerly known as the Student Annual Review Review form] [Routing](#) and Anticipated dates: Dec. 14, 2020 to Feb. 15, 2021
 - Committee suggests an info session in next Council meeting
 - Routing may be a challenge for some departments
 - Updating Catalog Unit faculty lists/descriptions, Program handbooks, GFS department lists--Due April 1st, 2021
 - Faculty Leaving [procedures](#):
 - Graduate faculty who are leaving UNLV must submit a Graduate Faculty Status leaving form. The leaving form takes less than five-minutes to complete and does not require any uploads.

The leaving form link can be found on the Graduate Faculty Status web page, here: <https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/graduate-faculty-status>

- The leaving form indicates whether the graduate faculty member may continue unfinished work with students at the time of departure, continue on current Graduate Advisory Committees, and/or teach at the graduate level. It also indicates whether the faculty member may serve on future student committees after departure.

- If the leaving form is not submitted within 30 days after departure from UNLV, we shall assume that the faculty member is not interested in maintaining any graduate faculty status at UNLV, continuing on any current Grad Advisory Committees, teaching at the grad level at UNLV, or engaging in future committee participation with students.

- Reminders: Student Life & Climate surveys due Dec. 11, 2020

- Graduate R2PC - Kara
 - [App/Admit/Enroll and Graduation Data Updates](#)
 - Doctoral programs can opt-in to using the Graduate Faculty Advisor form to allow students to appoint a faculty advisor prior to appointing their full Graduate Advisory Committee
 - We need to know: when do you want us to allow students to submit their Plan of Study form? There are two options:
 1. Once the faculty advisor is appointed
 2. Only after the full graduate advisory committee is appointed
 - Committee feels once the faculty advisor is appointed is fair

 - ICYMI - [Alyssa Crittenden is the coolest!](#)

- Leadership & Professional Development Academy - Val
 - Rebel Grad Slam 2020! - Thank you!
 - [Planning workshops for Spring 2021](#) - who wants to facilitate one? Be a panelist?
 - Council of Graduate Schools Annual Conference

- New Business