

Graduate Council Meeting January 27, 2021 - 1-3pm

Minutes

Attendees: Alicia Rico, Alyssa Crittenden, Katrina Liu, James Navalta, Janet Dufek, Billy Bai, Christian Jensen, Donna Costa, Mary-Ann Overcamp-Martini, Dan Lee, Glenn Nowak, Norma Saldivar, Alona Angosta, Lung-Wen Chen, Sara, Jordan, Kelly Mays, Kenny Varner, Pramen Shrestha, Jichun Li, Sharolyn Pollard-Durodola, Anne Stevens, Ben Burroughs, Anjala Krishen, Dong-Chan Lee, Dan Young, Doris Watson, Greg Moody, Han-fen Hu, Harsha Perera, Henry Selvaraj, Hui Zhao, Ian McDonough, Jayce Farmer, Helen Wing, Joel Snyder, Keala Kiko, Kim Barchard, Kim Charron, Anthony Gatling, Kymberley Mellen, Laura Kruskall, Laxmi Gewali, Lisa Davis, Michael Borer, Michael Nicholl, Nikkole Liesse, Rhonda McElroy, Rhone D'Errico, Sam Song, Sidath Kapukotuwa, Steen Madsen, Tamara Herold, Virginia Smercina, Wendy Kveck, William Bauer, Patrick Clark, Ganjing Jiang, Jacob Thompson, Catherine Dingley, Victor Kwang - Kate Korgan, Leslie Hunter, Valarie Burke, Kara Wada, Emily Lin

- Welcome
 - Graduate Council Chair - Dr. Alyssa Crittenden
 - Grad Coordinators new to Council: Drs. Miguel Gonzales, Katrina Liu, Chris Wood, Bill Bernatis, Glenn Nowak, Donna Costa, Kathleen Thimsen, Antony Chen, Billy Bai. Welcome aboard!
 - Congratulations to the Department of History, the 2020 recipient of the Institutional Equity Award from the Committee of Minority Historians of the American Historical Association (AHA)
 - [Grad Committee Proxy form](#)
- Committee [Composition](#) (Reminder to Chairs: Submit minutes to Leslie Hunter & Emily)
- Committee Reports
 - [Course Review Committee](#) - Dr. James Navalta, Chair
 - *Next meeting April 14th*
 - *Submissions in by April 26th for this year*
 - [Programs Committee](#) - Dr. Greg Moody, Chair
 - *Next meeting Feb 2nd*
 - [Program Review Committee](#) - Dr. Kelly Mays, Chair
 - *Waiting to hear which programs will be reviewed and will keep Council updated*
 - [Awards Committees 1 & 2](#) - Sara Jordan & Janet Dufek, Co-Chairs (1) & Dr. Steen Madsen, Chair (2)
 - *1) Fellowship interviews being scheduled, scholarships awarded*
 - *2) Reviewing thesis /dissertation awards STEM and non-STEM, and Grad Student Teaching Award, Faculty Mentorship Award, and Faculty Leadership Award for Feb meeting*
 - [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
 - *Met on Monday, 1/25*
 - *Discussed schedule for Spring workshops*
 - *Strategic Planning*
- [Top Tier Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Board](#) - Dr. Barbara St. Pierre Schneider & Dr. Valarie Burke, Chairs
 - *Planning event for Postdocs in March*
 - *Mentors for Postdocs this spring*
 - *Meeting with OSP about grant tracking for Postdocs*
 - *Next meeting, Feb. 8*
- [Top Tier GEM Working Group](#) - Dr. Emily Lin & Kara Wada, Chairs
 - *No updates*
 - *Next meeting, Feb. 24*
- [Top Tier Graduate Faculty & Student Success Working Group](#) - Dr. Peter Gray, Chair
 - *LVCVA Collaboration*
 - *Graduate Student Emails*
 - *Rebemail addresses remain usable for 2 years after graduation*
 - *GA/Work email addresses are cut off immediately after termination*
 - *Looking into Alumni emails*
- [Top Tier Innovative Graduate Programs Working Group](#) - Dr. Kate Korgan & Dr. Emily Lin, Chairs
 - *Next meeting set for Feb. 11*
 - *Will discuss badges, micromasters, build your own doc programs*
- [Top Tier Graduate Pivot Planning Working Group](#) - Dr. Doug Unger, Chair
 - [Document shared by Doug](#)
 - *Discussed vaccine priorities*
 - *Pandemic learning - outcomes and goals moving forward*
- New this AY: [Graduate College DEIJ Advisory Board](#)
 - Spring semester [mural](#) project
- New this AY: [Graduate Student Advisory Board](#)
 - GSA Support Initiative
- Faculty Senate Updates - Dr. Vicki Rosser, Chair
 - *Discussing institutional bias and diversity checks*
- GPSA Updates: Sid Kapukotuwa, VP
 - [Updates](#)
 - *Research Forum*
 - *Student awards*
 - *Emergency Funding Grants*
- [GEM updates & R2PC data](#): Kara
 - [App/Admit/Enroll and Graduation Data Updates](#)

- Thank you for your patience ♥ - Jan. 15 was a big admissions deadline and we promise that we are working as quickly as we can to get through all the evaluations.
- Plan of Study form update from December meeting - for departments who opt in to using the Appointment of Faculty Advisor form, students must have a faculty advisor on file before they will be allowed to initiate their Plan of Study form. They can always submit a new Plan of Study Form after establishing their full graduate advisory committee if the committee recommends changes to the Plan of Study. We will send out information on how programs can opt into this soon. We anticipate Systems will begin work on this mid-semester.
- Compliance Information from Leeann Fields, Executive Director, Office of Educational Compliance (OEC), regarding licensure/certification compliance
 - [Graduate Advising: Compliance Update Document](#)
 - [Disclosure email that will be sent to students in professional licensure and professional certification programs](#)
- Dean's Report & Requests for Guidance
 - Please attend President Whitfield's [State of the University address](#) on 1/28
 - Shout out to US News & World Report highly ranked online grad programs: Master's in Nursing (7th) & Master's in Education (35th)
 - COVID-19 Updates: See [GC COVID webpage](#), [GC COVID Decision Tracking & Actions spreadsheet](#) & GC COVID [webpage](#)
 1. *May share decision tracking & actions spreadsheets with colleagues*
 - Governor's [Budget](#) & Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act ([CRRSAA](#)) and [NV Indy analysis](#) of proposed budget
 - GTW & Grad Commons reopening
 - Immunization POD plans
 1. *Concern about unused vaccines at the end of the day, Dean Korgan will ask and circle back*
 2. *Advise GAs that they can get on the list if they are teaching in person classes*
 3. *GAs/students whose responsibilities are hindered without the vaccine may make a case that they should be added to the list*
 - Spring Commencement
 1. *Will be virtual again, most likely*
 - Fall plans
 - Pivots & mode of delivery preferences
 1. *Consensus that many students are eager to return, but also like the hybrid options*
 - Student Life & Climate Survey results at next Council meeting
 - [Top Tier 2.0 and GC Top Tier Engagement Overview](#)
 - [GA Proposal](#)
 - *Dean will be meeting with President Whitfield to review the proposal*
 - GPSA Research Forum
 - [Research Forum](#) on April 2 & 3

- Students can pre-register for this event using this [Forum Registration form](#). [Research Forum Registration](#) Deadline is Monday, February 15
 - Faculty Judges can sign up to be a judge using this [Faculty Judge Sign up form](#). [Research Forum Registration](#) Deadline is Monday, February 15
 - Coming Soon
 - Strategic Plan Roll-out
 1. Executive Summary DRAFT
 2. Soon: Strat Plan doc & webpage with key metrics
 3. Spring SPOP [goals](#)
 - Grad Coordinator Reports & Campuswide GEM Plan
 - Knowledge Center; Live Chat; Texting
 - Grad Viewbook for Recruitment Support
 - Your 5 Handbook set :)
- GC Academic Affairs: Emily
 - Reminder: Mandatory Individual Development Plan (IDP) [Formerly known as the Student Annual Review Review form] Due March 1, 2021 & concerns
 - Next year: Personalize for programs, as needed w/ questions due date of 10/1 each year
 - *Education is having many challenges with this process, suggest looking into Folio options*
 - *Anthropology like the accountability it gives to faculty advisors*
 - *English find it challenging with the workload*
 - *Film is pleased*
 - *Theatre struggling to complete academic review of MFAs at the end of semester and then this is January*
 - *Journalism & Media Studies has issues since MA coordinators is default chair for all new students*
 - *Possible sub-committee to tackle these challenges*
 - Updating Catalog Unit faculty lists/descriptions, Program handbooks, GFS department lists--Due April 1st, 2021
- Graduate College Student Services: Valarie
 - Introduce Nevena Cvijetic, Exec Director of Leadership, Professional, and Career Development
 - New name, same great programming - The Grad Academy: Innovative Leadership, Professional, and Career Development
 - [Planning workshops for Spring 2021](#)
 - Need facilitators and panelists
 - Weekly Grad Academy newsletter each Sunday: all students & grad coordinators
 - [Sign-up here](#)
 - [Graduate College Medallion Program](#) (Apps due March 3rd)
- New Business