

Graduate Council Meeting March 31, 2021 - 1-3pm

Minutes

Attendees: Glenn Nowak, Keala Kiko, Alyssa Crittenden, Antony Chen, Sean Clark, Jessica Allen (proxy for Daniel Young), Catherine Dingley, James Navalta, Sara Jordan, Rhonda McElroy, Steen Madsen, Doug Unger, Greg Moody, Alicia Rico, Anne Stevens, Anjala Krishen, Christian Jensen, Han Fen-Hu, Brian Chrzan, Dan Lee, Billy Bai, Dong Chan Lee, Daniel Allen, Ganqing Jiang, Nicole Thomas, Harsha Perera (proxy for Doris Watson), Henry Selvaraj, Hui Zhao, Ian McDonough, Joel Snyder, Kenny Varner, Kim Charron, Kymberly Mellyn, Laura Kruskall, Laxmi Gewali, Lisa Davis, Mary-Ann Overcamp Martini, Michael Borer, Michael Nicholl, Natalie Pennington, Norma Saldivar, Pramen Shrestha, Sam Song, Tamara Herold, Vicki Rosser, Wendy Kveck, William Bauer, Doris Watson, Sharolyn Pollard-Durodola, Kelly Mays, David Kreiger, Donna Costa, Helen Wing

Ex-officio: Kate Korgan, Leslie Hunter, Kara Wada, Emily Lin

- Welcome
 - Graduate Council Chair - Dr. Alyssa Crittenden
 - ETS Guests, Karen Tingley & David Klieger
 - Grad Committee Proxy form
- Committee Composition (Reminder to Chairs: Submit minutes to Leslie Hunter & Emily)
- Committee Reports
 - Course Review Committee - Dr. James Navalta, Chair
 - *24 new proposals, 14 changes/deletions*
 - *Two more meetings left this semester/year*
 - *Next meeting April 14*
 - Programs Committee - Dr. Greg Moody, Chair
 - *Next meeting April 6th*
 - Program Review Committee - Dr. Kelly Mays, Chair
 - Awards Committees 1 & 2 - Sara Jordan & Janet Dufek, Co-Chairs (1) & Dr. Steen Madsen, Chair (2)
 - 2020-2021 Faculty and Student Award Recipients
 - Nevada Regents' Graduate Scholar Award**
Cindy X. Kha, MS, PhD Candidate, Biological Sciences-Integrative Physiology, Advisor, Kelly Ai-Sun Tseng, PhD
 - Outstanding Thesis Award**
STEM: Lara Turello, College of Sciences/Biochemistry/Chemistry
Non-STEM: Christopher Forepaugh, College of Urban Affairs/ Criminal Justice
 - Outstanding Dissertation Award**
STEM: Ali Saber Sichani, College of Engineering /Civil & Environmental Engineering & Construction
Non-STEM: Shae Cox, College of Liberal Arts/History

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Awards

1. Dustin Davis, School of Integrated Health Sciences/IHS
2. Christopher Wakefield, College of Liberal Arts/Sociology
3. Nina Paul, College of Liberal Arts/Psychology

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Jennifer Pharr, School of Public Health/Environmental and Occupational Health

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Leadership Award

Peter Gray, College of Liberal Arts/Anthropology

- Appeals & Legal Issues Committee - Sean Clark, Chair
 - *No meetings*
- Top Tier Leadership & Professional Development Academy Advisory Board - Dr. Valarie Burke & Dr. Sara Jordan, Chairs
 - *Next meeting April 19th*
- Top Tier Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Board - Dr. Barbara St. Pierre Schneider & Dr. Valarie Burke, Chairs
 - *Next meeting May 10th*
- Top Tier GEM Working Group - Dr. Emily Lin & Kara Wada, Chairs
 - *Next meeting April 21st*
- Top Tier Graduate Faculty & Student Success Working Group - Dr. Peter Gray, Chair
 - *MSI Mission*
 - *Next meeting April 20th*
- Top Tier Innovative Graduate Programs Working Group - Dr. Kate Korgan & Dr. Emily Lin, Chairs
 - *Handbook in mid-April*
 - *Accelerated programs*
 - *Next meeting April 8th*
- Top Tier Graduate Pivot Planning Working Group - Dr. Doug Unger, Chair
 - Document shared by Doug
 - *Meeting April 9th*
- 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
 - *Nominations for senate positions*
 - *Bylaws 5 & 6 changes*
 - *Establishing DEIJ Faculty Senate Committee*
 - *Legislative testimony - letters and in-person*
- GPSA Updates: Nicole Thomas, Secretary
 - *Forum coming up*
 - *Fund transparency*
 - *Elections*

- Dean's Report & Requests for Guidance
 - COVID-19 Updates: See [GC COVID webpage](#), [GC COVID Decision Tracking & Actions spreadsheet](#) & [GC COVID webpage](#)
 - Financial Updates
 1. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act ([CRRSAA](#)) → One Time Funds & Student Scholarships
 - *Delayed in Financial Aid*
 2. Position requests
 - *Refunding request*
 3. GA Funding request
 - *One-time funds*
 4. EAB request
 - *Recruitment/applicant*
 - Spring Commencement & virtual doctoral hooding
 1. *Socially distanced*
 2. *Taking temperatures*
 - Campus reopening & Fall plans
 1. *July 1st reopening*
 - Pivots & mode of delivery preferences
 1. *Next meeting will be in Remo where we discuss pivots*
 2. *Hybrid meetings*
 - *Challenges with GA stipends / health insurance*
 1. *Many departments find the funding packages are hurting admissions*
 2. *Losing exceptional students to other colleges due to lacking offer packages*
 3. *Stipends not comparable to our peer institutions*
 4. *Worry that we are not catering to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, and underrepresented students will lose out*
 5. *Plan to send a letter to administration to express the dire need to increase GA stipends*
 - *OSU data available*
 - *Rising housing and rent costs*
 - *Send out to Council to get support*
 - *GPSA willing to support*
 - #RebelsGive - THANK YOU!
 - CIGAs and CGRAs Reminder
 - Grad Coord Annual Report: GEM/GA/Growth Projections & TTD - Due May 26
 - ICYMI: Chronicle Reports: [Retaining Underserved Students: Strategies for Success in a Post-Pandemic Era](#) & [Faculty Diversity](#)
 - ICYMI: The HANDBOOKS are here!
 - [Graduate Faculty Handbook](#)
 - [Graduate Student Handbook](#)
 - [Graduate Assistant Handbook](#)
 - [Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Handbook](#)

- [Postdoctoral Scholar Handbook](#)
- COMING NEXT: Graduate Student Guide to Ethical Research & Guide to Accelerated Graduate Programs & Pipelines

- GC Academic Affairs: Emily
 - Updating Catalog Unit faculty lists/descriptions, Program handbooks, GFS department lists--Due April 1st, 2021
 - IDP closes for students April 5; Faculty Docusign feedback deadline May 1st
 - *Grad Coordinator Survey - personalized and pre-populated*

- GEM updates & R2PC data: Kara
 - App/Admit/Enroll and Graduation Data Updates
 - Updated MyUNLV Access for Graduate Coordinators and Faculty Advisors
 - *Working to get faculty ability to see student records*
 - Graduation deadlines extended

- Graduate College Student Services: Kara for Valarie
 - Weekly Grad Academy newsletter each Sunday: all students & grad coordinators
 - Sign-up here
 - Certificates & Programs: AY21-22 application deadlines
 - Application portals are open!

- FACETS (Behavioral Assessment) Pilot Presentation- Karen Tingley, Director of Academic Partnerships & David Klieger, Senior Research Scientist, ETS

- New Business