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Graduate Council Minutes #1076

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes February 22, 2018

Present: Al-Mabuk, Berendzen, Bullard, Curran, Cyphert, Edmister, Elm, Igou, Olivares, O'Loughlin, Rau, Schwieger.

Absent: Pease & Rod-Welch.

Chair Pohl called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chair called a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8 meeting. The motion was voted on; motion carried and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Graduate College Reports:

Old Business:

Reports from Susie Schwieger:

- The Graduate College Symposium is on April 3rd. Paper submissions deadline is Wednesday, February 26. So far applications have been submitted for 10 oral, 10 poster, and 1 creative performances. More are expected by the deadline.
- There will be a Professional Development Workshop titled "Using Rod Library as a Graduate Student" given by Dr. Leila Rod-Welch on Tuesday, February 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Rod Library, Room 373. So far 17 students have signed up for the workshop.
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Reports from Chair Pohl:

- There are exciting brown bag lectures this spring semester. The upcoming lectures are:
 - Dr. Paul Torre on Tuesday, March 6
 - Dr. Melissa Beall on Thursday, March 29
 - Dr. David Surdam on Wednesday, April 11

New Business:

Reports from Interim Assoc. Dean Olivares:

1. UNiVersitas:

Dean Pease clarified that this journal is overseen by the Graduate College, input was sought from the members of the Graduate Council. The questions/issues were:

- Do we need to maintain this journal? If yes, who should bear the cost?
- What would be the purpose of maintaining this publication?
- Do we need to develop new guidelines to manage this publication?
- What is the future plan for this journal?
- What is the long term vision for this publication?
- Should the specific College Dean or the Graduate College support the editor?

A 5-member group from the Graduate Council would discuss these issues and conduct more inquiries about the journal.

1. New Dean for the Graduate College:

Discussion occurred on the urgent need for a Graduate College Dean. Some of the Graduate Council members expressed a preference for a Dean solely for the Graduate College. Members of the Graduate Council expressed their views on this matter as follows:

- One member suggested that a new Dean should be performing 70% of the Grad College and 30% of the Sponsored Program duties.
- Need to reduce the extra workload from the Associate Dean who has to do some of the Dean's duties.

- For fundraising and recruitment purposes, there is a need for a person who can fully concentrate on these matters, especially recruitment.
- It should be a combined position, not a split one.
- The members presented three different job views for the Dean Position:
 - Graduate Dean dedicated to the Grad College only.
 - Graduate Dean who will supervise Office of Sponsored Research (a joint appointment)
 - Graduate Dean and Research (OSR will be under the responsibilities of the dean, in this case, undergraduate research may or may not be his/her responsibilities)

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on March 8, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rubina Chowdhury
Secretary