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Graduate Council Minutes
November 14, 2019
3:30 pm Lang 115

Present: Sydney Cindrich, Ann Bradfield, Heather Jeronimo, Leila Rod-Welch, Gabriela Olivares, Amy Igou, Elizabeth Lefler (sub for Nicholas Schwab), Darcie Davis-Gage, Amy Petersen, Bill Wood, Rukmini Revuru (Department of Technology, Professor), Jennifer Waldron.

1. **Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

2. **Graduate College Reports/Announcements**

a. Jennifer Waldron, Graduate College Dean

- i. Dean Waldron discussed the allocation for graduate assistantships. She has drafted a rubric. This rubric gives programs guidelines on what's important. The rubric is to create short term priorities for allocation of graduate assistantships and tuition scholarships so we have some things in place for next cycle allocation.
- ii. Something that would be helpful would be to inform constituents that there will be information that will be submitted in order to receive allocation and tuition scholarships. What the committee has come up with:
 1. How they have used their money in the past and if they are using it in the way it is designed to be used. (Is it appropriate work for graduate assistants?)
 2. Looking at program viability in terms of market value (GA linked to accreditation). Demonstration viability. Are they directly related to recruitment? Comparison to peer institutions.
 3. Looking at how it supports faculty research and undergraduate education.
 4. Looking at underrepresented minority scholarships.
 - a. Dean Waldron is hoping to have something together by December 12th to communicate to the Graduate Coordinators. Will be 2 year chunks as long as they remain eligible.

b. **Gabriela Olivares, Association Dean**

- i. Associate Dean Olivares shared the following Graduate College Curriculum Committee changes:
 1. Name change of MA of LYHS to MA Community Health and Recreation
 2. MA Health Education is terminated.
 3. Kinesiology as added a certificate for adapted physical education
 4. Ed.D. was modified from 60 hours to 48 hours.
 5. Postsecondary Education Student Affairs has been added as an Intensive Area of Study
 6. Committee for the Graduate Admission Coordinator is the advisory board for GARP.
 - a. The applications will be analyzed November 19th.
 - b. They will start going through them November 21st.

- c. Hoping to invite candidates by finals weeks.
- d. The position would start January 13th.

3. New Business:

a. Graduate Survey:

- i. Report was similar to last year. 80% of students received full time employment or have continued education. The percentages of students who reported having high quality experiences in their graduate program was high. The Graduate College is sending out information to the faculty members who have made a difference in a student's life. Still collecting data as the list was at 300 faculty members.

4. Old Business:

a. Academic Positioning and Grad College/Programs

- i. There will be an official kick-off on Wednesday, November 20, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Great Reading Room in Seerly. Everyone on campus is invited to attend. They will give academic background of it, the roll out process, and celebrating the process of work. Postcards will be given out to remind everyone how to get involved.

b. Interdisciplinary Work

- i. Darcie Davis Gauge open the floor to communication about Interdisciplinary ideas within programs partnering with other programs:
 - 1. Elizabeth Lefler from psychology shared that clinical psychology has been partnering with social work and counseling has been coordinating mental health counseling therapy and sharing spaces and synergies that might exist within the programs.
 - 2. Associate Dean Olivares shared that were is a new certificate in language studies. It is still in the undergraduate level, but they are hoping to instill it in the graduate level as well as reach out to computer sciences and work with them.
 - 3. Dean Waldron and Darcie Davis-Gage discuss structural barriers to interdisciplinary work, but the focus is on graduate education. The goal is to make programs more accessible for interdisciplinary work (adding certificates, badges, micro credentials, etc.).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. The next meeting will be held December 12th at 3:30 in Lang 115.