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Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021
(Zoom Meeting)

Attendees: Gabriela Olivares, Amy Igou, Joan Bessman Taylor, Shoshana Coon, Gabe Dickey, Darcie Davis-Gage, Kelsey Wren, Cooper Vittetoe, Arti Mann, Heather Gallivan, Karen Tracey, HyunSeong Koh, Nicholas Schwab, Tim Gilson, Dawn Del Carlo.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by last year's Graduate Council Chair, Joan Bessman Taylor. Given this is the first meeting of the year, introductions were made by each of the council members in attendance.

Joan Bessman-Taylor asked for nominations for the Graduate Council chair. Darcie Davis-Gage was the sole nominee. She was elected by anonymous vote. Karen Tracey was nominated for Vice Chair of the Council and accepted the nomination. She was elected as Vice Chair. The remainder of the meeting was led by new Grad Council Chair Davis-Gage.

Associate Dean Olivares provided some updates from the recent university census regarding enrollment. This year there are 1250 graduate students, up from 1218 last year.

Graduate Faculty Chair Amy Igou summarized some of the work being done to elevate the visibility on campus of Graduate education. She also asked if anyone had preferences on faculty development to let her know their preferences.

Davis-Gage reiterated one of the key ways for success of the Grad council was to reach out to constituents. There will be several opportunities for this throughout the year.

Gabriela Olivares started some of the discussion of the mission/vision work that will continue during this fall semester. This will be done as part of the strategic planning for the year.

We will sign up for standing committees next week. These committees can be called upon to review policies and provide opinions before presentation to the entire group.

The GA funding process is under review. The goal is to make a fair and equitable process. The process will incorporate metrics.

Calls were made for any new business. As there were none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Igou