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Graduate Council Meeting

February 10, 2022 at 3:30 pm

Attendees: Shoshanna Coon, Dawn Del Carlo, Gabriel Dickey, Darcie Davis-Gage, Heather Gallivan, Tim Gilson, HyunSeung Koh, Mason Kuhn, Amy Igou, Gabriela Olivares, Nick Schwab, Karen Tracey, Jennifer Waldron, Kelsey Wren

Council Chair, Darcie Davis -Gage called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved, pending the correction of the typo in the name list. Motion by Karen Tracy and second by Dawn Del Carlo.

Dean Waldron provided an update on the spring registration numbers for Spring 2022 with comparisons to the two prior years. The primary decrease is in part-time students.

The Graduate College has put together a crowd-sourcing campaign to provide funding for Graduate Assistants for mental health services for students. For more info: <https://give.uni.edu/let-s-talk-mental-health-ga>.

Dean Waldron discussed the effect the pandemic has had on students' ability to have relationships that will help them with letters of recommendation. Keep this in mind when evaluating students for admission to our Graduate Programs.

Just a reminder that all faculty and students, including those on continued registration and distance education, should complete the Freedom of speech training. The requirement is from the Board of Regents.

Darcie, Gaby and Shoshana provided updates on academic positioning. Health science is looking at programs and opportunities for quick results. Gaby mentioned the examination of alternative credentials. Advising is mostly considering undergraduate programs. Please bring any Graduate concerns to Shoshana.

Graduate assistants allocation is waiting on budget. There will also be a survey of Teaching Assistants for the HLC accreditation. There is a need to know who is teaching courses, how TAs are serving students, etc.

There is an approved deviation for summer pay to be 65% of tuition collected for classes that do not break even.

Associate Dean Olivares provided an update from the curriculum committee. There is a new TECH certificate and emphasis and Mental Health Post Masters program.

Chair Davis-Gage reviewed the purpose of the Graduate Council. The council broke into small groups and discussed concerns that we would like to be addressed.

Jason Cox from the Graduate college gave a demo of the CRM system to coordinate communication for applicants.

Discussion of how the combined degree programs may affect Graduate assistantships. Can those in the combined degree program receive an assistantship in their final year?

Respectively submitted,

Amy Igou