

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL MEETING
November 27, 2018
DUC, Room 276, 4pm

Graduate Council Chair William F. Tate, Dean of the Graduate School, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dean Tate welcomed and thanked everyone for being present.

II. Approval of the September 20, 2018 minutes

The minutes from the September 20, 2018 were approved with no corrections.

III. Dean's Report

Dean Tate gave a presentation about "Understanding Our Budget" for the Graduate School and its students, covering topics such as

- Costs per students have increased up to 25% with total budget maintaining previous years' amount;
- Yearly cost of living raises to students' stipends have been kept and there are efforts to extend the stipend to 12 months in the next 4 years;
- Switch from student 'slots' to fixed budget that each department can allocate according to its needs. Some departments could be more affected than others as recent increase in graduate student numbers in said departments would not be accommodated for upcoming years;
- Efforts in optimizing health insurance costs as there aren't many providers that cover the Midwest. Dental plan is now offered for graduate students;
- Future efforts for more personal financial education and financial literacy for graduate students.

IV. Report from the Graduate Student Senate

Graduate student co-presidents Dan Mulrow and Tyler Gahrs gave a presentation about current events in the GSS made for graduate students to explore other areas of interest beyond their courses and research work such as

- Panel discussion about medical marijuana
- Network event for postdocs and other alumni to connect with graduate students
- The Graduate Symposium, for all graduate students to present their work and interact with other peers will be held on February 28, 2019.

V. Approval of candidates for advanced degrees, December 2018

Angela Wilson from the Graduate School Registrar presented the list of candidates, approved unanimously. The list of candidates was approved with no objections.

VI. Approval of new courses

Presented by Dean Tate, had a motion to approve with two votes against it. Related to certificate program (next topic). Approved.

VII. Discussion/Vote, Graduate Certificate Program in Higher Education proposal

This certificate would provide training for current employees for positions of management and administration in higher education. If approved, new courses related to this program would be available in the upcoming school year. Dr. White shared that this certificate program is the first step in developing a Master's and PhD in Higher Education Administration degree program with potential student internships. The Deans have all approved this program, the next step is to seek the Provost's approval. The Graduate Certificate Program in Higher Education was approved with no objections.

VIII. New Business

- Dean Tate agreed to hear more regarding the current situation on Arts and Science budget and Mentor Teaching Experience feedback.
- Focus next fund raising campaign on graduate education and framing the importance of graduate research.
- Transportation around campus will be discussed in a GPC meeting and GPC will provide feedback on it.

With no further items on the agenda, Dean Tate adjourned the meeting at 4:53pm. The Graduate Council of the Graduate School will meet again on February 5, 2019 at the same location and time.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Natalia Calleya, Graduate Council Recording Official 2018-19.

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