Agenda
Graduate School Advisory Council
General Assembly Meeting

Date: October 12, 2012, 1:30-2:30 pm
Location: Mitchell Hall 361
Meeting Facilitators: GSAC Steering Committee (Founding Members)

I. Call to order

II. Remarks from Graduate School leadership

III. Introduction to GSAC – history and purpose:
   a. GSAC status and structural issues:
      • We are a standing committee of the Graduate School but not yet recognized formally
        by the campus
      • Our initial structure has been established, but we need the General Assembly to
        create and vote on by-laws that build on this initial structure

IV. Introduction to each committee – (p. 2)
   a. Nominations for committees—Process

V. Nominations for General Assembly Chairperson
   a. We need to elect a Chairperson of the General Assembly

VI. Validating pro-tem steering committee (large assembly vote)
   a. Founding members are functioning as the Executive Committee until the Executive
      Committee is established

VII. Set date for next GSAC General Assembly meeting

VIII. Questions, Comments, Concerns

Adjournment
Description of Committees and Initial Tasks

Appeals Panel Committee
Description: Members of this committee will be called upon to serve on the Graduate Assistants Appeals Panel (GAAP) for particular grievances. Each time a grievance is brought to GAAP, two students need to be on the panel.

Composition: Chairperson, Secretary, plus four graduate assistants from each of TA, PA, RA appointment group (6 total members).

Initial Tasks: Elect a chairperson and secretary; coordinate with the Founding Members Committee to establish their connection with GAAP; begin serving on GAAP as requested by the Graduate School.

Faculty Committee
Description: Members on this committee will serve as student representatives on the Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC) and the relate Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC). According to their by-laws, the GFC and GCC should have three student representatives appointed by the Student Association (SA). Unfortunately, the SA has not regularly appointed these representatives. Members of the GSAC Faculty Committee will fill this role, initially as guests.

Composition: Six members, with at least one from each of the four academic divisions: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, and Professions.

Initial Tasks: Elect a chairperson and secretary; elect two representatives to attend GFC meetings (once a month Mondays 3-4:30pm); elect one representative to attend GCC meetings (11am last Wednesday of every month); report to the General Assembly about GFC; strategizing regarding relationship with faculty.

Special Projects Committee
Description: This committee works on temporary tasks as determined by the General Assembly and/or the Executive Committee.

Composition: Six members, with at least one from each of the four academic divisions: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, and Professions.

Initial Tasks: Elect a chairperson and secretary; draft by-laws that build on the initial structure; work with the Executive Committee in this process.

Executive Committee
Description: This committee coordinates directly with the Graduate School and conducts deliberation and decision-making on specific issues that are either not amenable for voting by the larger General Assembly or that must be first constructed as proposals to be later voted on by the General Assembly.

Composition: The Executive Committee will consist of the Chairpersons of each of the Subcommittees that are currently active, as well as the Chairperson of the General Assembly.

Initial Tasks: Coordinate with the Founding Members.