Graduate School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Founding Members Meeting

Meeting Date: September 20th, 2012

Meeting Facilitator: ALL

Present: 7 (5 GSAC representatives, and David Yu and Michael from the Graduate College)

Call to order: 1:03 pm

Open issues

Status of GSAC

First meeting with new members

- meeting time established October 5th, 2012 12:00-1:30pm (possibly will finish early)

Follow-up to nominations

- we will go with what we have for now
- allowing rolling involvement – must go through nomination process
- Graduate Reps meeting – try to come in to present the GSAC to grad students who may be interested in joining at their next meeting; Amber will email for volunteers after getting next meeting time

Processes to figure out in the future – these will be established in the future

- who can attend meetings – only GSAC members? guests?
- voting (including process for amending our by-laws)

Meeting Schedule/GSAC reflectors

- student asking for access to Faculty Email Reflector on behalf of GSAC
  - this was not voted upon
• Amber will establish of email reflector just for GSAC founding members, without Grad College members on it

Updates, other business
• establishing meeting agenda for first full assembly meeting
  o we will do this through email; Abby will start it, everyone will add; founding members will be linked to each item for presentation at the meeting

New business
• GSAC faculty governance committee representation/academic appeals
  • needs to come from the full assembly
• GSAC & SA
  • Student Assembly – Alex Party (shared governance director) from SA wants to meet with us because grad students aren’t well represented
    • they nominate people for student slots on faculty governance committees; we should work with them to get some of your people on the important ones
    • ex: GFC (Graduate Faculty Committee) and Faculty Assembly
    • SA can appoint people for vacancies
    • one way to get involved in GFC and FA would be to get people elected into SA and then appointed through the SA
    • it might be possible for GFC slots to be filled by GSAC instead of SA; this way we can get on the first committee more quickly; maybe we can get on as guests before the official process works itself out
  • founding members decided that founding members will meet with Alex for discussion
    • SA may be asked to make a presentation at a future GSAC General Assembly meeting, but not at the first General Assembly meeting

Taking meeting minutes
• Abby volunteers to take meeting minutes
• Amber volunteers to create agendas for meetings and make copies

Identify Graduate School liaison
• should we designate one person?
• Marcia says we need to have more than one person
• agreed by others that we do not want to nominate one person
• graduate school will email founding members group for now, eventually the Executive Committee will be the direct contact for the Graduate School as mandated in the approved Structure for GSAC

Other business
• David Yu – would like GSAC to come up with something to address mistreatment of international students by their advisors
  o can GSAC advocate/education on rights and responsibilities for international students
  o what is GSAC’s role in cases where students are being mistreated
    ▪ they might turn to us; there is a service on campus, but they may not want to go through that, or aren’t aware
    ▪ we are a body of advocates
    ▪ will we have a committee who deals with this
    ▪ we could be an intermediary, peer group to help them access the process
  o GSAC founding members agree that a presentation to faculty regarding appropriate treatment of GA’s, RA’s, PA’s, etc. is appropriate

Adjournment: 1:57 pm