Minutes of the
Graduate Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2015
12:00 - 1:00pm, Kettler Hall 178

PRESENT: Ali Alavizadeh (Technology), Bruce Kingsbury (Biology), David Cochran (Engineering), Steve Carr (Communication), Jane Leatherman (Professional Studies), Brian Fife (Public Policy), Deb Poling (Nursing), Carolyn Lindquist (Educational Leadership), Peter Dragnev (Mathematical Sciences), Barton Price (Graduate Advisor), Carol Sternberger (OGS), Brenda Blazier (OGS)

ABSENT: Jeong-il Cho (Special Education), Maneesh Sharma (MBA), Lewis Roberts (English & Linguistics), Max Montesino (OLS), Brian Mylrea (OIE), Amy Nitza (Counselor Education), Abdullah Eroglu (Engineering), Jin Soung Yoo (Computer Science), Terri Swim (Educational Studies)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Sternberger at 12:00 noon.

- Approval of agenda by consensus.

- Approval of December 18th minutes by consensus.

- Carol gave a GSO update of upcoming events:
  - Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction – Friday, February 20th, 5:30-7:30pm, IPFW Alumni Center
  - The invitation is a postcard that will be sent to Graduate Alumni and Graduate Students. Carol would appreciate graduate directors volunteering to bring chili or desserts!
  - Geeta Buda and Carly Thompson will be Co-Presidents of the GSO for the rest of the year since Chris Culkin has graduated.

- USAP update – The USAP Report was submitted on 12/31/14. Carol wanted to thank everyone who helped with this report – Marcia Dixson, Maneesh Sharma, David Cochran, Lewis Roberts and Ali Alavizadeh.
  - Please send to Carol achievements of USAP Goals throughout the next year to be used in this year’s report.

- Admitting with GPA’s below 3.0
  - Motion by Abdullah Eroglu: “I would like to make motion to have a uniform and consistent conditional acceptance criteria that can be used by all units at IPFW when there is GPA deficiency for graduate program applicants. I would like to propose a follow up motion to have the conditional acceptance criteria be applied when applicant’s GPA is between 2.8 and 3.0. Furthermore, when applicant is conditionally accepted, a memo by
graduate director regarding to the conditions should be added to admission packet sent to OGS.”

- This proposal would cover both PU and IU programs.
- Carol does not want to be the one to make the decision to not admit students with GPA’s below 3.0 because she believes the decision should be made at the department level.
- Students with GPA’s below 2.8 would have to be admitted as Non-degree.
- It was suggested that the motion be revised to state “a memo by graduate director regarding the rationale for the conditions be added to admission packet.”
- There was concern this would affect enrollment negatively because students can’t get financial aid or student loans if Non-degree.
- Also there was concern that this would eliminate International students because they can’t get Visa if Non-degree.
- Education looks at effectiveness as School Principal as another factor when the undergraduate GPA is below 3.0.
- The GPA is overall GPA rather than the major GPA.
- It was decided that this topic be carried over until the next Graduate Directors Meeting.

- Graduate Students with GPA’s less than 3.0 Report – Carol would like Graduate Directors to review this data.

- 1st Online Journal coming out soon – Carol will email it to the Graduate Directors. Carol would like contributions from the programs for future editions.

- The upcoming Graduate Director Meeting Dates are:
  
  - Thursday, February 12th, 11 am – 12 noon, KT 178
  - Thursday, March 19th, 11 am – 12 noon, KT 178
  - Thursday, April 16th, 11 am – 12 noon, KT 178
  - Thursday, May 14th, 11 am – 12 noon, KT 178

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

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