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

- Approval of agenda by consensus.

- Approval of January 15th 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
  - Bring food to the Alumni Ctr. by 4:30 pm

- Admitting with GPA’s below 3.0
  - Carol met with Dr. Drummond to discuss concerns about approving graduate applications that were already ‘reviewed and approved’ by departments for admission, but displayed GPA’s below 3.0, with one as low as 2.5

  - Dr. Drummond will be at our next meeting to discuss Dr. Eroglu’s motion to unify the admission criteria and to support non-degree conditional admission for applicants whose GPA is below 2.8. Applications with GPA’s between 2.8 and 2.99 will be admitted to the Master’s programs with the conditional requirement of no grades below a B- in the first 12 credit hours of graduate coursework.

  - Understanding that the International graduate applicant may be the most affected by the new GPA proposal; Brian Mylrea was asked if the Office of International Education would be able to work with conditional admission options and he said he would be able to. However, the Office of International Education requires clearly defined school policies.
Programs explained that they already have polices in place to work with the applicant whose GPA is below their recommended 3.0.

It was suggested that we should monitor to see how the new 2.8 affects certain populations with an eye on changing our diversity.

The twelve credits that are part of the Non-degree conditional admission are to be part of the coursework towards completing the graduate program.

Frank Paladino requested that we “Table the motion”. All approved.

Motion tabled until next meeting.

- Purdue Graduate School is planning to come here this summer to do another audit. They were not satisfied with the qualifications of some of a few admits, mostly the International and ELS admits.

- SLATE – is the new CRM program that Purdue West Lafayette Graduate School has chosen to replace ApplyYourself. The information and training module that was sent to us was shown to Dr. Drummond and he had it forwarded to Dr. Tonishea Jackson, Director of Admissions, and she requested that they submit a proposal as they are looking to replace BANNER.
  - If SLATE is chosen then we will move graduate IU applications into SLATE.

- Departments have been sending out assistantship notification letters or emails and not copying the Office of Graduate Studies. Departments were ask to always copy Dr. Carol Sternberger, Office of Graduate Studies, on all letters of notification, which will allow us to keep track of each assistantship.

- Travel Grants – We ran out of Travel Grant money and so Carol asked Jay Albayyari for some more and he gave us $1,000 allowing us to fund four more trips.

- The upcoming Graduate Director Meeting Dates are:
  - Wednesday, March 18th, 2 pm – 3 pm, KT 178
  - Thursday, April 30th, 11am-12noon, KT 178
  - No Meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

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