Minutes of the
Graduate Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2014
11:00am-12:00noon, Kettler Hall 178

PRESENT: Brian Fife (Public Policy), Jeong-il Cho (Special Education), Frank Paladino (Biology), Abdullah Eroglu (Engineering), David Cochran (Engineering), Marcia Dixson (Communication), Terri Swim (Educational Studies), Jin Soung Yoo (Computer Science), Deb Poling (Nursing), Max Montesino (OLS), Maneesh Sharma (MBA), Lewis Roberts (English & Linguistics), Brian Mylrea (OIE), Barton Price (Graduate Advisor), Carol Sternberger (OGS), Brenda Blazier (OGS), Susan Humphrey (OGS)

Guests: Chris Culkin (GSO), Jennifer Oxtoby, Representative of USAP

ABSENT: Ali Alavizadeh (Technology), Doug Weakley (Math Sciences), Jane Leatherman (Professional Studies), Amy Nitza (Counselor Education), Carolyn Lindquist (Educational Leadership)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Sternberger at 11:00 a.m.

- Approval of agenda by consensus

- Approval of September 11th minutes by consensus – the minutes are now being posted on the OGS website under “Information for Faculty and Staff” (on right hand side) and then go to Faculty Resources and click on “Minutes and Handouts from IPFW Graduate Program Directors Meetings” – September’s Minutes are posted.

- Welcome to Barton Price! Barton is serving as the Graduate Advisor for all undecided graduate students in addition to his role in CASA.

- Chris Culkin, GSO President gave a GSO update. The second GSO Event this year was on Friday, September 26th at the Bagel Station in their back room. Chris reported that 15 students attended from a good mix of programs. Officer positions have been filled and Chris has been able to recruit Geeta Buda to step in as President in January when he graduates. Next event is on October 24th from 4-6:30pm at the Walb in Room G21 – GSO Game Night – costumes are optional but those who wear one will get a special treat!

- Sexual Violence Training is required of all new graduate students but Carol recommended that all graduate students complete this training. This is a Federal mandate.
Frank Paladino shared that the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department has Accent Reduction Training that they are offering as a free of charge voluntary program to assist Graduate Assistants. They need students and faculty members to participate. Sharon Mankey is the campus contact for this training.

Jennifer Oxtoby discussed the USAP – University Strategic Alignment Process. Carol will be asking for help in writing the goals for the Office of Graduate Studies. The current mission and vision of OGS was handed out. Abdullah Eroglu is also a member of the USAP team and shared his insights. Carol has expressed concern that the USAP plan does not mention Graduate Studies. Jennifer shared that it is important to identify things that we are doing that are mission critical that are not included in the strategic plan. Concern was expressed regarding the plan being a business model focused on profit which may not match the educational philosophy of the Arts and Sciences. Carol asked for committee member volunteers.

Yesterday at AOC, Carol explained that OGS has no funds left for student travel and J. Albayari transferred $2,000 from his account into our account to be used for Graduate Student Travel before June 30, 2015.

Carol shared an upcoming Fall Fest Student Benefit, the Halloween Howl, to raise money for the IPFW Brown Ink Society which provides grants to students facing financial emergencies that would disrupt their educational pursuit (doesn't pay for tuition, books or fees – typically $300). This 5K & 1 Mile Costume Walk/Run will be held on Thursday, October 30th – Costume judging at 5:35 pm and the race begins at 5:45 pm.

Upcoming Graduate Director Meeting Dates for 2014-15:

- Wednesday, November 12th – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, KT 178
- Wednesday, December 10th – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, KT 178
- Thursday, January 15th, 12 noon – 1 pm, KT 178
- 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 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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