

FINAL
GRADUATE AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Friday, September 4, 2015
1:00 p.m. – Bonnie Combo Room

PRESENT: Dennis Grady (*presiding*), Laura Jacobsen (*ex officio*), Brad Bizzell, John Brummette, Matthew Brunner, Virginia Burggraf, Art Carter, Rana Duncan-Daston, Lori Elis, Alan Forrest, Kristen Jagger, Kay Johnson, Kristin Machac, Eric Mesmer, Pat Rossi for Diane Millar, Douglas Mitchell, Ruth Riding-Malon, Holly Robbins, Cheri Triplett, Stacy Turmel, Brenda Tyler, Patricia Winter, Paul Witkowski
Staff: Patricia Phillips (*recorder*), Julienne Boone, Rebecca Conner, Teri Hills, Michele Ralston, Jordan Lively, Donna Spradlin

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:03 p.m. by Dr. Dennis Grady.

2. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2015 GAC meeting. The minutes were approved by consensus.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dean Grady announced that there are 875 graduate students enrolled thus far this semester. That number is down from 924 last year. The number of returning students is down significantly this year. The census date is September 14th, so there are still a few days to increase the number of students. Discussion followed announcement.
- Dr. Laura Jacobsen announced there will be an “Interest” meeting for the 3 Minute Thesis competition on Tuesday, September 15th at 4:00 pm. and an online meeting at 5:30 p.m. The competition date is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th at 3:00 p.m.
- Dr. Jacobsen also announced that the Graduate Research Fellows Program will continue this year. Ten scholars will be awarded fellowships for the spring 2016 semester.
- Dr. Jacobsen mentioned the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows Program that is open to last semester seniors (going to graduate school), or first year graduate students. The deadline for applying to this program is October 27th and 29th. The awards for this program are substantial; \$32,000 plus \$12,000 tuition fellowship per year up to three years.
- Efforts are underway to reestablish the Graduate Student Council. Please help get the word out to students. An interest meeting will be held next Friday, 9:00 – 10:30 in Heth 018.

- Discussion was held on perusing the start-up of a Graduate Student Honor Fraternity.
- A handout was given to everyone regarding the Graduate Professional Development Series. See attached.
- Dean Grady announced that recruitment allocations have been dispersed and that not everything was funded for everyone. He also announced that a social media marketing firm has been hired to help us reach our target market of students using 250 media outlets.
 - Dean Grady suggested meeting with departments and faculty to discuss the customized program reports and the program enrollment reports.
 - Assistantships for 2016-2017 need to be utilized to secure people of interest. If a really good student applies and you feel they are qualified for the program, offer them an assistantship.
- There is funding again this year for the Graduate Student Professional Development Award of \$900/per student. Please keep in mind that policies and procedures for student travel are the same as faculty travel. This is also in regard to international travel, which take a little longer to get approval.
- Dean Grady announced that RU has joined NC-SARA (National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements). This agreement allows RU to engage in both physical and online education in other NC-SARA states, as long as all other specific state stipulations are met. Discussion followed.
- There are four standing subcommittees to the GAC. The listing of their respective memberships is attached.
- An offer has been extended for Dorothy's replacement, but have not heard back.
- Rebecca Conner announced that the application updates will be published next week.
- Donna Spradlin announced the "soft" launch of the new website on September 14th.

4. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Graduate Faculty – A report of 36 graduate faculty applications were processed since the last GAC meeting on May 1, 2015. The report was accepted as presented. (See attached).

Academic Course and Program Review – No report at this time. The first meeting will be held on September 18, 2015 in the conference room of Buchanan House.

Policies and Procedures Committee – No report at this time.

6. ADJOURN

Dr. Grady adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

September 4, 2015
Graduate Faculty Application Status
 (Approved Since Last Graduate Affairs Council Meeting)

Full Graduate Faculty Status - 5 year term

Name	Dept	Limitation(s)
Amy Rubens	ENGL	
Daryl Corey	STEL	
Diane Millar	COSD	
Benjamin Biermeier-Hanson	PSYC	
Pei-Chun Tsai	PSYC	
Nicholas Lee	PSYC	
Jeffery Willner	PSYC	
Amanda Kellogg	ENGL	
Drew Dodson	ART	
Nicole Petersen	PSYC	
Sarah Redmond	BIOL	
Debora Schneller	SOWK	
Eloise Philpot	ART	
James Lollar	MRKT	
Shuo Yao	COMM	
Rana Duncan-Daston	SOWK	
Michael Chatham	AFBL	
Daniel Farhat	ECON	
Jeff Aselmeier	PSYC	
Jay Caughron	PSYC	
Kereen Mullenbach	NURS	
Dan Davidson	AFBL	
Stephen Childers	MNGT	

Associate Graduate Faculty Status - 3 year term

Name	Dept	Limitation(s)
Melinda Cruz	PSYC	PSYC 631, 665, 781, 635, 782, 689
Lisa Foote	NURS	NURS 728
Brandi Holland	COSD	COSD 640
Megan Hebdon	NURS	NURS 729
Marjorie Young	NURS	NURS 729
Mary Kristin Machac	DSN	DSN 640, 600, 605, 700, 740, 705, 611, 645, 670
Jennifer Bartley	SOWK	SOWK 641, 642, 791, 792
Clara "Sereina" Paynter	SOWK	SOWK 641, 642, 791, 792
Stephanie Whited	SOWK	SOWK 641, 642, 791, 792
Johnna Elliott	STEL	EDSP 670
Ann Benson	STEL	EDSP 669
James Pritchett	SOWK	SOWK 631, 632, 783, 784, 785
Theresa Trent	SOWK	SOWK 641, 642, 791, 792

Graduate College Fall Activities Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Friday, Sept. 4	3-6 p.m.	Heth Lawn	Club Fair
Tuesday, Sept. 8	11 a.m.-noon	Buchanan Conf. Room	NSF Graduate Research Fellows Workshop
Friday, Sept. 11	9-10:30 a.m.	Heth 018	Graduate Student Council
Tuesday, Sept. 15	4-5 p.m.	Heth 016	<i>3 Minute Thesis (3MT)</i> Interest Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Online	Online <i>3MT</i> Interest Meeting
Monday, Sept. 21	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Muse Banquet Hall	Graduate Recruitment Fair
Thursday, Oct. 1	3:30-5 p.m.	TBD	“So, You Want to Go to Graduate School?”
Wednesday, Oct. 7	4-5:30 p.m.	Walker 279 iLab	“Mastering the Job Search Process: Avoiding Deadly Mistakes and Writing a Winning Resume”
Friday, Oct. 23	1-2 p.m.	Walker 279 iLab	“The Ten Truths of Leadership”
Wednesday, Nov. 11	3-5 p.m.	Heth TBD	<i>3 Minute Thesis Competition</i>

***Graduate Affairs Council
2015-2016***

OFFICERS

Dr. Dennis Grady, Chair
Dr. Laura Jacobsen, Vice Chair
Ms. Patricia Phillips, Recorder

SUBCOMMITTEES

***Academic Course & Program
Review***

Stacey Turmel – COBE
Kristin Machac – CVPA
Brad Bizzell – CEHD
Lori Elis – CHBS
Doug Mitchell – WCHHS
Art Carter – CSAT
Kay Johnson – Library
Matthew Brunner – Registrar-Ex Officio
Patricia Phillips – Recorder

Graduate Faculty

Stacey Turmel – COBE
Trish Winter – CVPA
Holly Robbins – CEHD
Ruth Riding-Malon – CHBS
Ginger Burggraf – WCHHS
Art Carter – CSAT
Dean – Convener
Patricia Phillips – Recorder

Student Grievance Committee

Stacey Turmel – COBE
Trish Winter – CVPA
Cheri Triplett – CEHD
Eric Mesmer – CHBS
Kristen Jagger – WCHHS
Art Carter – CSAT
Dean - Convener

Policies & Procedures

Stacey Turmel – COBE
Brent Webb – CVPA
Brenda Tyler – CEHD
John Brummette – CHBS
Rana Duncan-Daston – WCHHS
Art Carter – CSAT
Associate Dean - Convener

Other committees and work groups formed as needed.