

GSS Executive Meeting Minutes
9.28.2018

Grad College update:
Dean Keller

- a. Staffing adjustments
 - i. Recruiting candidates for Dean Larson's? Old position
 - ii. Hope to have an appointment by Jan. 1
 - iii. New replacement for Erin Barnes
 - 1. Appointed Lisa Kelly to take CERDL position
 - iv. IT web developer retiring
 - 1. Recruiting for that as well
- b. Commencement ceremony
 - i. Doctoral
 - 1. Hancher
 - ii. Masters
 - 1. Carver
 - iii. Went very smoothly and difference in venue made the ceremony more meaningful
- c. Diversity
 - i. Community of Color
 - ii. New Student Orientation went very well
 - 1. Two sessions
 - a. Doctoral
 - b. Masters
 - c. Will probably continue to do this
- d. Isaacson Miller Search
 - i. CLAS Dean
 - ii. Vice President for Research
 - 1. Probably the least progressed
 - 2. Probably beginning of next FY
 - iii. Dean of Student Life
 - iv. Provost
- e. Kept pressing Bruce Herald on how some of the work at the grad college and research office intersect
 - i. Usually run by one individual at R1 institutions
 - ii. Separated at UI in the 1980's
 - 1. VPR
 - 2. Dean of Graduate College
 - 3. Reason
 - a. Research offices became much more oriented into protecting IP
 - b. Graduate college became more aligned with the goals and mission of the provost office
 - iii. Combined retreat
 - 1. Working on collaboration with Postdoc's
 - 2. Developing research fellowships
 - 3. Discussing collaboration opportunities
 - 4. Research fund for art students
 - a. Research office funds going towards this

- f. Jakobsen conference
 - i. Reinvigorating & making more robust
 - 1. Dean Keller has ideas to achieve this
- g. GSAC
 - i. Interesting to see how this goes b/c COGs is undergoing a recertification election coming up
 - ii. 3 COGs reps are all new to GSAC committee
- h. Shelly
 - i. Fellowship deadline coming up in less than a month
 - 1. Ballard
 - 2. Seashore
 - 3. End of September
 - ii. **Send out an announcement about this!!!!**
 - iii. Two diversity options
 - 1. Scholarship option
 - 2. Fellowship option – deadline early november
 - a. Proposal required
 - b. Practical experience?
 - c. Research experience?
 - iv. Commencement
 - 1. 100 more in Masters ceremony
 - 2. 40 more at doctoral ceremony
 - 3. Have to drive down the number of students at doctoral ceremony @ Hancher
 - a. Doctoral students cannot choose which ceremony they want to walk at
 - b. Can only choose on “hooder”
- 2. Debrief the Special Election Meeting
 - a. Beefing up teaching committee
 - b. Increasing membership of travel funds committee to expedite scoring
 - c. Finishing department audit Landon started
 - d. Who do we talk to about where our Budget stands? (students activity fee funding)
 - i. Student Organization Business Office
- 3. Organizing Committee Assignments
 - a. Previously had members ranked their preference and appoint based on need
 - b. Need to redraft committee descriptions for handbook
 - c. **Set up Qualtrics survey!!**
- 4. Membership Update/Listserv Management
 - a. Really depends on individual departments to keep us update
 - b. If a senator wasn't appointed we “tattled” on them and subsequently got their department ineligible for travel funds
 - c. People had been “tattling” to DGS' on senators who aren't showing up to GSS meetings
 - d. New approach should be to email DGS' and say that there are opportunities for students to represent their department on GSS
 - e. Tabling materials
 - i. Table runner
 - ii. Generic info flyers

1. No time-sensitive information
 - iii. Bookmark with meeting times/dates
 - f. SWAG for senators
5. Treasurer Update
 - a. Budget structure
 - i. Executive meeting budget
 - ii. General assembly food budget
 - iii. Committee budgets
 1. Main thing
6. GPAC Appointees
 - a. Graduate and Professional Allocations committee
 - b. Under GPSG
 - c. Switched to where all Graduate student orgs send representatives
 - i. GSS is required to send 3 representatives
 - ii. Lyndsey is one
 - iii. Need to find 2 others
 - iv. Who it be?
 1. Someone from travel funds?
 - a. These people are already taking on a lot and they might be new members
 - b. One member who's interested in being co-chair would be a good candidate – Amanda Adams
 2. Jenny?
 - a. Kinda overwhelmed atm
 3. Ian?
 4. Appoint based on interest
 5. Peter also may be interested
 - d. Three scoring sessions
 - i. One in the fall
 - ii. Two in the Spring
 - iii. Each individual gets 5-7 and then makes a list of recommendations about what should be discussed at the ~2hr scoring session
 - e. Moving forward – Treasurer needs to know that this is on his/her to-do list.
7. Webmaster Opening
 - a. Ryan has been managing at the moment
 - b. Call for interest at the meeting
8. Confirm the Agenda for September 10

AGENDA FOR GA Meeting:

- Ask about SWAG!!!
- Call for interest for GPAC committee membership
- Call for interest for Webmaster
- Committee breakout, info
- Grad college updates 5-10min.

- Guest speaker from UI labor center
 - Put immediately after grad college updates
 - Jenn Sherer – 5 min.