GSS Executive Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2019

I. Updates from the Graduate College
   A. Dean Keller
      1. Jakobsen has seen decreasing participation in recent years
      2. Other colleges and departments have their own research days and conferences
      3. Is it worth continuing to have the Jakobsen conference?
      4. How can GSS highlight graduate research?
      5. The deans will meet with Evan by Thanksgiving to discuss the future of Jakobsen

II. Meeting with the Strategic Plan Steering Committee for the Graduate College
   A. David Cwiertny, Professor College of Engineering and Ann Ricketts, Senior Assistant Vice President for Research came to the meeting to talk to us about the strategic plan
   B. Collecting input to develop a strategic plan for the Graduate College
   C. The four priority areas are
      1. Student Success
      2. Research and Discovery
      3. Engagement
      4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
   D. First draft due by February 3, 2020
   E. Will come back for feedback even after the draft is due
   F. Facilitate a broad discussion with GSS at a general assembly meeting
      1. SWOT analysis
      2. Idea, have a break out session at a general assembly meeting to develop a SWOT matrix
      3. Split up into four groups and have an executive member describe what to do to each group
      4. Have everyone brainstorm ideas for the SWOT matrix, Christian and Caroline will collect all of the information and bring it back to the committee
   G. The committee really values the student perspective
   H. David said that he can come to the general assembly meeting when we discuss the SWOT matrix, this activity will probably occur during the meeting on December 3
   I. Mention this activity at the November general assembly meeting

III. Updates on Constitution and By-laws
   A. Peter, still in process

IV. Committees
   A. Not a lot of progress on getting chairs and committees to start meeting and working
   B. Make time at the next meeting for committees to meet
   C. Christian has transition documents for some of the committees
   D. Adam will add Christian to the committee groups on Outlook

V. Tippie College of Business
   A. If the College of Business is interested in participating in GSS, we should let them
   B. Christian will continue thinking about this idea, and see how to include the College of Business

VI. College of Nursing
   A. College of Nursing is interested in representation in GPSG
B. Similar to the College of Public Health situation, except that the College of Nursing has been well represented in GSS
C. There is a possible issue of being doubly represented in shared governance

VII. Website Updates
A. Christian will give the Executive Committee a list of things to update on the website
B. Please click around on the website and see what needs to be fixed

VIII. Rebranding
A. Christian met with Joe Cannella and Katie Mckibben
B. Updated coffee hour promotional materials
C. We are on the list, but they are busy
D. E newsletter maybe?

IX. Coffee Hour
A. Has been good
B. Partnering with Association of Multicultural Scientists to host their coffee hour
C. Maybe we can alternate west side/east side every other week
D. A lot of the same people every week, alternating every other week might be a good idea
E. Jennie said that we still need to figure out how to deal with the finances
F. There will be a biweekly coffee hour for GSS, Christian will update the Facebook page
G. There will also be a coffee hour with the Association of Multicultural Scientists

X. Social Media
A. Maybe there could be a new social media manager position for GSS?
B. Probably self appointed position through the social and service committee
C. Christian will take to Ellen about drafting a piece of legislation dealing with this new position
D. It might be better to make this position like the webmaster position, have this position by appointment and then provide a committee service release if you are the social media manager
E. Might be addressed at the next meeting depending on time

XI. New Legislation
A. Ellen drafted a piece of legislation dealing with providing food at meetings and exams
B. If there is time, discuss this legislation at the next meeting

XII. Office of Outreach and Engagement
A. GSS should make a statement in support of the Office of Outreach and Engagement
B. Caroline will lead the charge in this effort

XIII. Agenda for Next Meeting
A. UI College Recovery Program will speak at the upcoming meeting, probably 10 minutes