

Minutes of the Graduate Council (GC) for December 11, 2017
2:30-3:30pm 0110 Marie Mount Hall- The Maryland Room

Present: Weeks, Martin, Fetter, Franke, Goodman, Bakhshi, Dougherty, Klauda, Maddux, Beise, McIver, Hacquard, Steiner, Robertson, Davis, Zambrana

Staff: Strausser, Long

Meeting was brought to order at 2:35pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Everyone in attendance briefly introduced themselves by going around the room.

II. Approval of the minutes for October 10, 2017 Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2017 were approved with no emendations.

III. Proposed Graduate Faculty Membership changes (approval)

We reviewed the Graduate Faculty Membership document that was distributed to all members. Amanda tracked changes as the council discussed changes, edits and other concerns with this document. Jeff is going to make the edits that were proposed.

IV. Proposed Statement of Mutual Expectations (SME)- Administrative Assistants (approval)

This is the third SME that is available to use. There are also SMEs for Research Assistants and Teaching Assistants. Council members were asked for feedback on the form and they suggested several things. First they mentioned that this SME have updated, relevant resources (which are noted at the bottom of this SME). Council members requested that the following useful resources should be added to this SME: Ombuds Office, Title IX, OCRSM, how to report hate bias incidents. Jeff said that those will be fixed before the SME is officially circulated. Council members also noted that this SME draft mentions graduate research assistants. Jeff Franke addressed this by mentioning that the document that was circulated will be corrected to fix the issue. Other councilors suggested a correction in terms of mentioning a hierarchy with reporting any issues.

We will send a revised version around.

V. New Business

Proposed Tax Bill:

We discussed concerns around tax bill. This is something that is important graduate education and something that we need to consider in future meetings. The Graduate School Dean has written a letter opposing the tax bill. We are also working with other national organizations (AAU, Big 10, etc) to have a unified voice against this tax bill.

Background Checks for Graduate Assistants:

There are questions around this and if it will be happening in the next year. Departments are sending out admission letters, so they wanted to know if this is something that they need to be immediately concerned about. The Graduate School is still working with the UHR to get more information. We were told we have at least another year.

VI. Closing Remarks

None.

VII. Adjourn

Dean Steve Fetter adjourned the meeting at 3:37pm.