**Meeting Minutes**
USF Tampa Graduate Council
November 17, 2014
**1:00 ALN 296**

| Kirby, Russell - *CHAIR* Ex Absence | |
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| **Policy/Fellowship Committee** | **Curriculum Committee** |
| Cross, Michael (Grad Student Rep) | Bhanja, Sanjukta Ex Absence |
| Dennis, Danielle | Dobbs, Debra |
| Jiang, Xiaomei | Groer, Maureen Ex Absence |
| Levine, Alex *Vice-Chair and Policy Chair* | Janesick, Valerie |
| Osman, Hana | Muller, Pamela Hallock |
| Reina, Miguel (Grad Student Rep) | Nord, Walter |
| Robison, John | Thompson, Amy |
| Sutton, Ninon | Torrence, Matthew |
| Wecker, Lynn | Wieseler, Christine (Grad Student Rep) |
| Zheng, Hao | Williams, David, *Curriculum Chair* |
| | Zhang, Xiaohong (Mary) |
| **EX OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)** | **LIAISONS** |
| Dwayne Smith, Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies | Carol Hines-Cobb, Assistant Director, Academics |
| Paul Sanberg, VP, Research innovation | Joseph Butts, Assistant Director, Academics |
| Peter Harries, Assist. Dean (Graduate Studies) | Kathy Barnes, Academic Svcs Administrator |
| Shufeng Zhou, Assoc. Dean | Steve Richarde, Associate VP, OIE |
| Christy Foust – GAU Rep | Liz O'Connell, Director, Admissions |

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Levine welcomed everyone and had introductions.
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – There was no public comment
3. Approval of October 20, 2014 Minutes – were approved as presented
4. Chair's Report- None to present

5. Dean's Report
    a. Dwayne Smith provided an article from the November 14th GradEdge (Council of Graduate Schools)
        i. Insights and research on graduate education and the future of graduate education
        ii. Brief discussion of the market for new graduate students in the coming years
    b. Discussion of report from Liz O'Connell. Three-phase survey of international applications
        i. Data from both specific countries and more general regions, as well as by region
    c. Update on graduate student success plan
        i. Changing course slightly based on early focus group feedback
        ii. Really want USF to have a profile, but much of this needs to start at the local level (and questions that need to be asked to begin to gauge success)
        iii. Designed to be reflective, if not directly comparative
        iv. Graduate students have a disproportionate share of the students loans (40% of total despite only being 14% of the students with loans)
6. Committee Reports
    a. Policy/Fellowship Committee
        i. No report. The committee did not meet this month
    b. Curriculum Committee
        i. Met earlier in November. Summarized changes and items that have been tabled for December meeting
        ii. Report approved by vote of the full committee. No dissent or abstentions
7. Other Business
    a. Brief return to Dean's report with discussion. Conversation about how things are counted
    b. Course currency question

Adjourned at 1:35 pm.