

Kirby, Russell - Chair - On sabbatical	
Policy/Fellowship Committee	Curriculum Committee
Bahner, Ingrid	Agosto, Vonzell
Churchill, Greg (Grad Student Rep)	Andrews, James
Cohen, Donna	Brea, Maria
Guldiken, Rasim	Dave, Vrushank
Permuth, Steve	Groer, Maureen
Robison, John, Policy/Fellowship Chair	Howell, Christian (Jordan) (Grad Student Rep)
Shaw, Lindsey	Lee, Sang-Hie
Wecker, Lynn	Muller, Pamela Hallock GTM
Wheeler, Pat	Plank, Richard
Wilson, Cheryl	Savachkin, Alex
Xue, Bin	Siven, Jacqueline (Grad Student Rep)
	Taylor, Tomaro
	Thompson, Amy
EX OFFICIO (NON-VOTING)	LIAISONS
Dwayne Smith, Dean, OGS	Carol Hines-Cobb, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS
Paul Sanberg, VP, Research Innovation	Joseph Butts, Assistant Director, Academics, OGS
Ruth Bahr, Asst. Dean, OGS	Kathy Barnes, Assistant Director, InEd
Shyam Mohapatra, Assoc Dean	Toure Rider, In Ed
Megan Flocken GAU Rep	David Lee Henry, Dir., Admissions
Tur, Jared GPSC	Michael Wrona,
	Roger Brindley, AVP USF World
	Cindy DeLuca - Innovative Education

FEBRUARY MINUTES

1. The council was called to order by chair, Dr. Amy Thompson
2. There were no public comments
3. Members introduced themselves
4. The minutes of 1/23/16 were approved unanimously
5. Chair of council and chair of curriculum committee reports were reported together by Dr. Thompson. Dr. Thompson reported that the Faculty Senate is considering response to the concealed weapon on university campus issue which still has some supporters in the Florida State Senate. An additional concern they wish to address is the policy being brought forward to substitute a computer language for a foreign language requirement. Dr. Thompson also described that a council subcommittee is forming to address Program Assessment in response to SACS advising change to the current processes.
6. The curriculum committee report was then provided. The curriculum committee is working to relay information to colleges on how to optimize course proposals for review by the Graduate Curriculum committee; the committee approved a number of courses at the last meeting.
7. The combined report was accepted unanimously

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8. Reports from Dr. Smith and Dr. Bahr

Dr. Smith reported that a tentative agreement on contract with graduate assistants has been agreed to, and it is linked to performance based metric; it must be ratified by the Board of Trustees. He also described a confusing situation with tuition waivers when a student from one unit is awarded a GRA position in another unit. Tuition waivers are the responsibilities of colleges and the state has asked for a formal report and will determine a cap. Tuition waivers should be looked at as foregone revenue. Each college will have limit of waiver authority, so students cannot be given a n assistantship from one college and a tuition waiver from another. H

Dr. Smith also addressed accelerated programs, which give credit to undergraduate course as part of a graduate degree, which is a SACS violation. The issue is the quality of the master's program in which c credits are allocated at 120 (ug credits) + 30 graduate credits. Programs can have less than 150 credits (total) with authorization from SACs.

Another issue that was relayed by Dr. Smith was a fall in international student admissions, which is being seen across the country in uncertain times. International student admission has been extended to June.

Lastly , there has been a movement by mostly graduate students in the sciences raising issues about the current president's policies regarding funding for higher education. There will be a march by concerned scientists on 4/22 in Washington.

Dr. Bahr reported that seven Presidential scholars have been chosen. There was a discussion by council members about different ways to attract high quality students. Dr. Bahr also indicated that there were fewer than expected poster submissions for the Research Symposium and that she was going to use some social media to encourage additional submissions.

9. Policy committee report

The report indicated that the committee had spent time reviewing the Presidential Scholarship, looked at admission deadline, other policies, and tabled discussion on accelerated degrees.

10. New business

There was no new business

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Groer
Secretary