

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

J. Ruscher, A. Childress, M. Lewis, C. Dunn, G. Morris, B. Mohan, M. Cunningham, J. O'Brien, M. Penn, L. Pratt, L. Dornier, C. Pealer, J. Jayawickramarajah, G. Didier

1. Meeting called at 8:32
2. Approval of October Minutes, moved by G. Morris, seconded by L. Pratt
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
 - o December 13
 - o January 10
4. Announcement
 - a. Students receiving an MFA are now allowed to be hooded at the Graduate Hooding Ceremony
 - b. PhD students can have generic robes
 - c. NSF-NIH Annual survey will be beginning soon, we've clarified our instructions to departments in regards to reporting the value of tuition waivers
 - d. Co-Chair of Graduate IPOG Working Group. We've almost doubled our international students, so we're trying to make sure there is coverage. This likely to be a once a semester commitment
 - i. Is there some sort of support system for individual international students?
This is part of the reason that IPOG exists. It is also to hopefully address international students' issues in a more systematic way (less reactionary and ad hoc). For instance, they're looking at working with the law clinic to add advocacy and assistance for international and DACA students
 - ii. J. Jayawickramarajah and M. Lewis have volunteered to help
 - e. Graduate Career Consortium regional meeting will be held here on Friday, January 12
 - f. Graduate Summit on Saturday, January 20
 - i. Tables will be available to Tulane graduate and professional schools and programs to promote themselves to Tulane undergraduates

5. Master's Degree Program Review – Overview of Process
6. Master's Degree Reviews
 - a. Physics
 - b. Psychology
 - c. Art (Studio, MFA)
 - d. Dance
 - e. Music/Musical Theater MFA
 - f. Theater Design
7. Donut Days
 - a. Continuing to have guest speakers – this month is the library
 - b. Next Donut Day on 11/16
8. 3MT is next Wednesday, 11/15
9. Meeting adjourned at: 9:54 am