

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

December 13, 2017

**M. Cunningham, G. Morris, A. Childress, L. Pratt, J. Ruscher, J. Sheuermann, J. O'Brien,
C. Pealer, L. Dornier, J. Jayawickramarajah, G. Didier, B. Mohan, C. Rodning**

1. Meeting called at 8:33
2. Approval of November Minutes. Motion C. Pealer, second, G. Morris
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2018
 - o January 10
 - o February 7
 - o March 14
4. Announcements
 - a. There will be a contracted lawyer affiliated with the Tulane Law Clinic to help foreign, DACA, and undocumented students, faculty, and staff. Should be starting in January
 - b. Graduate Career Consortium regional meeting will be held here at the LBC on Friday, January 12, primarily PhD oriented. Covers professionalism and career related issues. Agenda will be sent to Grad Council by email
 - c. 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
 - ii. Sessions will include sessions for faculty, grad students, undergraduates
 - d. Question about how departments currently handle pedagogy training for graduate students
 - i. OGPS and CELT are thinking about offering some kind of hybrid course for all grad students in pedagogy. It would hopefully be (initially) broad enough for all disciplines, with some opportunity to drill down to individual disciplines.

- ii. Many grad students want to be able to say that they have some particular training. Jaelle indicated that it would be helpful. How it works, credit or non credit, etc, are up in the air, but we want to assess need
 - iii. Rodning took a whole semester long course on teaching anthropology, which he felt was a great help. Anthropology has a one day workshop, and he has incorporated some advice in his split level courses. This could also help with compiling a teaching statement
- 5. Vote on Health Psychology Certificate
 - a. Question about Tulane and Xavier students in this? Reflects the MOU
 - b. A. Childress moved, M. Cunningham seconded. All in favor.
- 6. Vote on Master's Degree in Political Development
 - a. Has been approved by SLA
 - b. C. Rodning moved, L. Pratt seconded, All in favor.
 - c. Both will be moved to the provost's office
- 7. Master's Degree Program Review – Overview of Process
- 8. Master's Degree Reviews
 - a. Master of Preservation Studies
 - b. Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development
 - c. Master of Liberal Arts
 - d. Master of Professional Studies, Computing Technology
 - e. Master of Professional Studies, Homeland Security
- 9. Donut Days
 - a. Will continue to have guest speakers
 - b. Next time will have king cake!
 - c. Still trying to bring in speakers to keep this a purposeful thing
- 10. Information
 - a. Govt affairs person is fairly confident that grad student tuition waivers won't be taxed, but endowments may be at risk
 - b. New campaign is quite academically focused, which is great (and includes graduate students)

- c. CGS annual meeting: Big push on holistic admissions from ETS. Developing rubrics was one part of the information, so that there could be a more standardized process for admission. Will send around the handout by email. GRE is starting to be used in law school admissions, since it's quite predictive of law school success (unlike for PhDs)

11. Meeting adjourned, C. Rodning moved at 9:39