

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2018

1. Meeting called at 8:30
2. Approval of January Minutes; Alan moved, Janet seconded, all approved
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2018
 - o March 14
 - o April 11 – Gil will chair
 - o May 9 (if necessary)
4. Announcements
 - a. Climate survey announcement was last week
 - i. Had a 31% response rate from graduate student
 - ii. Sexual harassment from faculty cannot be tolerated
 - iii. Have to make sure that our departments are annually reviewing faculty (especially adjuncts) and are reading teaching evaluations
 - iv. Make sure to publicize website for the survey and for reporting issues
 - b. Update on immigration lawyer
 - i. University has hired outside counsel to help with immigration issues
 - ii. Going to be offered every other Monday afternoon, starting 2/19
 - iii. For anyone who has immigration related questions beyond OISS's scope
 - iv. Consultation is free
 - v. Marco Balducci is the counsel
 - vi. Flyer will go out after the meeting
 - c. Schedule of workshops for Spring Semester is available
 - i. Introduction to Academic Careers will be coming up, among other offerings
 - d. Graduate Summit PowerPoints will be available
5. Vote on GIS Certificate

- a. Discussion: Would this be open to all graduate students? Yes, even outside SSE, though it may be a challenge for students in professional schools due to tuition issues.
 - b. Would there be prerequisites to the courses?
 - c. Move to approve, all were in favor.
6. Master's Degree Program Review – Overview of Process
7. Master's Degree Reviews
 - a. Music MA (Composition, Music History, Music Science) – Lewis
 - b. Linguistics and Computational Linguistics MA – Rodning
 - c. Anthropology MA – Morris
 - d. History MA – Cunningham
 - e. Philosophy MA – Pealer
 - f. Spanish and Portuguese MA – Pratt
8. Donut Days
 - a. Will continue to have guest speakers
9. Meeting adjourned at 9:36