

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2015

Present: R. Adderley, R. Ager, M. Cunningham, K. Elfer, A. Enami, K. Kwong, G. Morris, L. Pratt, S. Grayson, A. Robison C. Rodning, B. Shay, M. Vail

Absent: A. Childress, G. Didier, C. Dunn, M. Herman, P. Roberts, L. Shi

M. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from October (see attached)

G. Morris moves for approval; M. Vail seconds the motion. All approved.

2. Dean Banush, Dean of Library and Academic Information

Data management plans are being required by many federal agencies; this requires the data to be public for a certain period (as dictated by the agency). The library is building the capacity to meet these regulations, but the infrastructure is not yet in place.

The Howard Tilton Library has regularly scheduled workshops on how to use the Data Management Plan Tool, which was developed by the University of California. If you are unable to attend a workshop, the library staff can do one-on-one workshops.

For student researchers, the following services are available: preparing data plans, selecting repositories for your research, thesis and dissertation archives for Tulane. More graduate student resources can be found at: <http://library.tulane.edu/graduate-students>

Dean Banush asks, "What services are our libraries not offering that they should? How do we build, grow, and sustain these services?" M. Vail shares that political science has been encouraging the libraries to consider carrying print editions of prominent journals. Dean Banush shares that publishers often make this decision for them, as they do not provide print journals for library resources.

L. Pratt encourages the Dean to urge faculty, particularly in the sciences, and to attend the workshop. The Graduate Council provided suggestions for how to reach the academic community about important library events and resources: community listservs, the Graduate Council, OGPS graduate- and postdoctoral listservs, and department chairs.

What can the library do to raise the profile of the research librarians? OGPS can provide this information on our website to help reach our students.

The new floors at the Howard-Tilton Library have not been opened yet and construction has not yet wrapped up. It should tentatively be finished by November 30th; it should be open to the public for the start of the next academic year (late January).

Dean Banush and Dean Haber are working together to create a graduate student suite, to provide them with community spaces, writing spaces, technology enhancement; it would be restricted by swipe card to graduate students only.

B. Mohan suggests Dean Banush reach out to the Graduate Studies Student Association to share resources; Dean Banush would like to have an undergraduate and graduate student council to work with the university.

A. Enami asks if it is possible to expand access to research and online publications with alumni. Dean Banush explains that this currently would require a secondary license to provide alumni access, making the cost prohibitive. There is not a method to cost-share this with other units on campus. However, if an alum were to walk into the library, they would be able to access all materials.

3. PhD Program Reviews

All departments have submitted their reports, and M. Cunningham is currently soliciting reviewers. The dates of the reviews will be February 24-26, 2015.

4. 3 Minute Thesis & Workshops for 2015-16

The 3 Minute Thesis will be hosted this afternoon, November 11th, at 3:00 PM in Kendall Cram. Students from Liberal Arts, Science & Engineering, and Public Health and Tropical Medicine are participating, for a total of 9 students. The grand prize winner will receive \$300; a secondary People's Choice Award will be given, for \$200. GSSA is sponsoring the prizes.

If faculty would like to use something similar in a seminar setting, then you could contact M. Cunningham for application in the classroom. B. Mohan has all of the judging criteria, rules, slides, and additional resources.

5. Diversity Recruitment: Terminal Degree Marketing Grants + Recruitment Fairs

This year OGPS encouraged departments to create a diversity plan as part of their Terminal Degree Marketing Grant request; those who had diversity plans were funded at \$2,000 and those that did not include plans received grants for \$1,500. We were able to fund all departments based on this model.

A. Robison and B. Mohan have attended WillLead Diversity Recruitment fairs to recruit at a university level. While attendance was low, having a unified university presence was beneficial at general recruitment fairs.

6. Postdoctoral Fellows

Each month we receive a list of all postdoctoral fellows including new fellows; OGPS aims to send out a welcome letter that shares the resources available on campus for this community.

OGPS hopes to cultivate postdocs as a part of the university, and have them receive a Certificate of Completion after the successful completion of their fellowship. This also helps us cultivate them as alumni of the university.

R. Adderley suggests hosting more graduate and postdoctoral co-events so that the graduates can benefit from their experience and expertise.

7. Updates: Event and Meeting Reminders

Invite to Grad Donut Days: our next Graduate Donut Days will be on November 19th in the Office of Academic Affairs. You are welcome to stop by to meet our students and colleagues.

There will be no December Meeting.

The School of Liberal Arts has partnered with the School of Law on a Joint JD/MA in Philosophy. Students do this already if they have been admitted to each program. This is a formal program of when students will complete required work during their program.

M. Cunningham motions to adjourn at 9:23 am.