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