

Graduate Administrators' Council Meeting
September 14, 2017
Koch Hall Board Room

Members in attendance: Bryan Porter, Chris Osgood, Tisha Paredes, David Swain, Gail Dickinson, Steve Bell, Leo Lu, Wayne Hines, Robert Bruno, Dale Miller, Karen Eck, Humberto Portellez, Wie Yusuf, David Chapman, Ravi Mukkamala, Bill Heffelfinger, Jim Schaefer, and Missy Barber

Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2017

- Minutes were approved with changes.

Dr. Porter welcomed Jim Schaefer and advised Council that the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development would be represented on the Graduate Administrators' Council

Announcements

Post Doc Luncheon will be on October 13, 2017 in the River Rooms in Webb Center. Dr. Porter said that he is still collecting information on post docs on campus and advised that it will be an on-going process.

New Graduate Administrators' Orientation & Luncheon, Tuesday, October 17, 2017

3MT Competition. We were at the maximum capacity of 15, but one dropped out. So, right now we have 14 competing. Reached out to Cathy Lewis to see if she would be willing to host. Still waiting on a response. If she says no, we do have a backup plan. We also asked Jeremy Wheeler, and he said no. We are also waiting for responses for three judges.

It was suggested that someone from Community Engagement might be helpful to get a response. However, Dr. Porter said that they have also reached out to Cathy Lewis and have not received a response.

The 3MT participants will have 2 workshops, this Friday and next Friday, to ensure they are prepared for the competition

Would community engagement be helpful? Cathy Lewis didn't reply to them either. A couple of Hollywood producers, but Alonzo will have to invite.

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ORCiD – Karen Eck

Dr. Eck advised Council about the ORCiD. The ORCiD is a unique identifier that helps to make sure that research is attributed to the correct person, especially for extremely common names. Both faculty and students should sign up. There is a handout with the information on signing up in your packet. This is great for international students who need open access to research.

Strategic Plan

GAC has been asked to provide comments and feedback. Faculty can send in comments via email. This is just one of several feedback sessions and then committee will go back with suggestions.

Council had a good discussion and several suggestions were made. Dr. Yusuf encouraged everyone that had any additional comments to please email them.

State of the College Address

Dr. Porter asked Council if they thought the campus would be interested in attending a State of the College address for the Graduate School.

Concern was expressed about faculty not being interested in hearing what an administrator has to say. They would be more interested in hearing how the administrative unit is supporting the faculty.

It was also suggested that the presentation could just be for GAC members or maybe part of the Faculty Fora for the Strategic Plan, or a Faculty Forum for the Graduate School.

Others commented that academic college addresses don't provide a comprehensive view of graduate education. We have experienced some growth that looks better than undergraduate growth. It would be nice to see graduate education as a whole.

Bill Heffelfinger provided numbers on graduate enrollment. Graduate enrollment is 4,742, up 242 from last year. Undergraduate enrollment is down to 19,563 which is a decrease of 1.3%. Is there any explanation yet for increase? A lot of hard work by GPDs, Graduate Admissions, and GAC. The numbers nationally are flat to down. We are putting resources in places where it counts.

TCC is down 30% in enrollment, which is the key factor to the undergraduate decline. Administrators notice when there is a drop. With success comes expectation.

Dr. Porter thanked everyone for their comments and said they were valuable.

Other Topics

Gail - Graduate Admissions has been incredibly supportive.

Graduate Admissions is looking at creating realistic goals for departments.

We have to have sustainability of numbers, if there is a huge acceleration, we can't maintain with faculty. There are not enough resources.

We need long term sustainability - Graduate education has to have graduate faculty good at doing research, if you don't have that how can you have theses and dissertations that are successful. We don't have enough faculty doing research. How can we research if we have 700 undergraduates?

Why grow? What is the right size for ODU?

Two pronged answer – Enrollment management issue and resource issue.

What is the goal at this university 17/1 reality 18/1. In Education 90/1. 33/1 in psychology. SCHEV said they need 25 new faculty.

Point is well taken.

One reason we are moving for the department review is so that you can address issues between undergraduate and graduate. Through department review voices can be heard.

Meeting adjourned.