

GSAC-Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

March 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

216 Russ Hall

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in each attendee’s area/department? Introductions of name and department. Attendance included the following members: Joey Zdeb-TCHL, Cara Russell-Nursing, Mica Rosenow-HHPR, Mary English-HRD, Brenda Roberts – TCHL, and B.B. Stotts - GCS
 - Joey Zdeb-Teaching/learning- Student teachers are in full swing of the student teaching process. Teaching Interview Day is coming up at the Rec Center which will bring numerous people to the campus.
 - Cara Russell-Nursing- On March 6th the department started accepting - applications for the MSN-DNP program and will be starting new classes this summer.
 - Mary English-HRD- There is a change in structure of the comprehension exam to professional presentations. The program will only be offered online which will be a change. Closing of the HRD club. SHRM is a club that is available to those majors online. There will be no international students in the HRD program not unless they take the classes in their home country.
 - Brenda-Education Leadership program EdS will be all online, there will be no more hybrid courses. They are trying to figure out how many credit hours they can offer as hybrid to keep the degree available to those here on a F-1 student visa in order to meet visa qualifications for face to face hours which would make the program available to international students.

- The Funding Request application for conference attendance/presentation was reviewed for the following student:
 - Jacob Heil, Biology – Attendance February 8-11, 2015– Indianapolis, IN – Fish and Wildlife Conference - \$205 for registration. Approved
 - Linda Muffoletto, Psychology & Counseling – Presenting Research May 20-24, 2015– New York City, NY – APS Conference- 2nd Request- \$300. Approved

- Review of the University Committee Assignments-

Student Health Fee Council reported by Cara Russell

 - PSU will be bringing Dr. Kathleen Sandness on as a full time physician in the Student Health Center; she is currently part time.
 - Student Health Fees will be increased in the next semester by \$4 per a semester which is built in to tuition and student fees to cover the cost to pay the full salary.

GSAC-Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

March 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

216 Russ Hall

- Dr. Sandness will provide a knowledgeable source for us as reference for the current APRNs and will be able to admit straight to hospital in-patient floors rather than having to send students through the ER which leads to added cost for the student.
 - It is good for PSU to be able to let parents of students and students themselves know that we will have an experienced physician available to students at minimal costs.
 - The student health fees will also cover the cost of making a part time mental health provider full time to compensate for the great need of help in that department. Technically there should be a 1:1500 ratio for mental health provider to student and we currently have about a 1:3000 ratio. With the addition of this care provider it will make the ratio closer to 1:2500.
-
- Research Colloquium will be at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts on April 8, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - The Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet will be held at John Lance Arena – Weed Physical Education Building on April 15, 2015 at 6 p.m. GSAC members are encouraged to come. Awards and scholarships will be presented to numerous graduate students. Please be sure to purchase your ticket for the banquet ASAP! The hard deadline for RSVP's is April 9, 2015!
 - Distinguished Thesis registration deadline is April 1, 2015.
 - Discussion of meeting time for next meeting. The next GSAC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Overman Student Center, Cottonwood Room.
 - Adjournment at 2:55 p.m.