

Minutes
Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
January 11, 2019

Members in Attendance: J. Barber, G. Bledsoe, J. Garcia-Martinez, B. Looker, M. McCormick, A. Miller, S. Mudigonda, A. Nelson, N. Reed, A. Rellergert, K. Thatcher, C. Werner, R. Wood, and G. L.C. Yosten

Guest in Attendance: N/A

Call to Order: R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2018 Meeting: Minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Accelerated Program BA-JD in Communications: Dr. Wood just informed everyone, no questions.

FYI – Accelerated Program: Parks BS-MS Engineering: Dr. Wood just informed everyone, no questions.

Dissertation Committee Members (Barber):

- Minimum of 2 members were agreed upon – language will be developed
- Drop Emeritus Status
- Jan to revise and bring back next month

Process for discontinuing old programs and replacing them with new ones:

- Provost direct to have a Sunset Policy be put in affect for GAA and UAAC Programs

Marketing New Graduate Programs (Trees):

- Nothing at this point

Grad Catalog Policy Changes:

- Nothing at this point

Attendance Policy – Religious/Cultural Observance, Athletes: In the process of drafting a policy, should have something to share next month

Announcements:

- University Grad Ed Promotion
 - o Ask Departments who follow up with students after they graduate what they do
 - o Work with Alumni relations
 - o Some departments do this as a part of their accreditations: Career Services, Alumni, exit surveys

- One year out, 5 years out, 10 years out: Alumni Development goes through phases where they don't want to share addresses, so there might need to be some changes in policy there
- Finding students doing things that aren't very conventional too, like museums, government, etc
- There should be a University function for this, onerous for departments to take this on (although they might get a better response rate)
- Asking Faculty where students are, type it in themselves, create a database
- Social networks – women and gender studies are using Facebook
- Sometimes Alumni Relations is slow, also there is a stigma that they just want money
- Assigned Task: Think about the various ways we can achieve this expeditiously, and different approaches to this
- There is concern about grad ed, and the value the university puts on it and its tie to research
- Statement from the University that states what kind of University do we want to be? Is research valued here?
- Meeting with MarCom about Newslink and more attention paid to Graduate activities.
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Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am