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GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

APPROVED

678th Meeting

Oct 2nd, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Chen, Clark, Floyd, Finley, Gaillard, Garver, Gordon, Hill, Hunt, Klis, Lundstrum, Neal, Rohl, Ricklefs, Swingley, Scherer, Torkinejad-Ziarati, Van Dijk, A.Wu, K.Wu, Xia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bedeau, Contreras

OTHERS PRESENT: Laudick, Reyman, Doane, Wilks, Gawron

Dean Wilks called the Teams meeting to order at 10:01am.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections were offered. Wu moved to approve amendments, the minutes from September 11, 2023, meeting. Garver seconded. Motion Carried. Minutes approved.

New Business

a). Criminal Disclosure Committee Discussion

- Dean Wilks outlined the current process in Criminal Disclosure Review.
- Laudick discusses moving towards a process that aligns with Undergraduate processes moving into Slate. If admitted once they confirm admission, then the student would answer questions on criminal background. Evaluating for Admission first based on academic background and then before they are fully admitted Criminal background would be collected to make the decision to continue to admit.
- Wilks and Laudick confirm there will still be disclosures to students about Criminal Background review.
- Dean Wilks led a discussion on the composition of the disclosure committee. It was confirmed that the Council wants to continue with both faculty and subject matter experts.
- Floyd makes Motion, Garver second; to move from initial application stage to disclose criminal background to enrollment stage. Motion Passed unanimously.

b). Minimum stipends (Ad-hoc committee?)

- Wilks discussed setting minimum stipend amount and its benefits for clarity to students, faculty, staff.
- Wilks proposes to create an Ad-hoc committee, Brad Bond volunteered to serve on ad-hoc committee. Hunt and Floyd volunteered to serve on the committee. Associate Dean Reyman will identify two students: 1 master and 1 Doctoral.
- Klis makes motion, Swingley Seconds, to create Ad-Hoc Assistantship Minimum Stipend Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

c). Rhoten A. Smith Assistantship Program

- Reyman shares information and updates about Rhoten A. Smith assistantship program.
- Wilks and Reyman address questions, comments and concerns of the council.

Old Business

a). Tuition waivers awarded

- Wilks shares tuition waiver data from fall 2023.
- b). Assistantship Policy
- Scherer shares comments and questions on policy.
 - Wilks clarifies and addresses questions from the council regarding this policy and thanks Scherer for thoughtful comments and questions.
 - Further comments from CLAS were discussed (e.g., half time waivers, communication of policy change)

Announcements

- None

Adjournment

Floyd made a motion, seconded by Hunt to adjourn. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 6th, 2023, 10:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Kayla Doane, Graduate School.