

Graduate Associate Deans' Group
Thursday, March 10, 2016, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Haslam Business Building, Room 327

Attending:

Mary Albrecht (Chair), Ernest Brothers, Sherry Cummings, Stephanie Galloway, Mary Gunther, Stephen Kania, Yvonne Kilpatrick, Sandra Leach, Brent Mallinckrodt, Joan Rentsch, Dixie Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Ernest Brothers at 2:00 p.m.

1. Updates:

- a. Dr. Mary Albrecht reported that Dr. Sean Hendricks, our IT person, is working with our staff to update all our forms. The forms will be ready to send out around the week of March 21.
- b. Dr. Mary Albrecht communicated it is not necessary for the Graduate School to approve co-advisors.
- c. Dr. Mary Albrecht reported that soon our Graduate Council Minutes and reports will be housed on TRACE through the University Libraries.
- d. Dr. Stephen Kania reported that at the last Graduate Council meeting, APC distributed two items to members for discussion and for vote (Embargo extension and Exemption from Continuous Enrollment in course 600 for those going on internships). After discussion and minor edits, both were approved.

2. Graduate Training Updates – Ernest Brothers

- a. Dr. Ernest Brothers communicated the DGS Workshop on March 2 was a success. We had about 70 in attendance. The fall workshop will be in August or September.
- b. A group from the University of Louisville visited campus today. The Graduate School hosts three to five visits a year through the TRIO program. The group today was very engaged and showed interest in UT.
- c. PEER Program: Symposium with speaker Dr. Fatimah Williams-Castro on April 16.
- d. Office of Research and Engagement Lunch and Learn series. This is a collaborative effort between the Office of Research and Engagement, the University Libraries and the Graduate School. We need faculty to encourage graduate students to attend. Our hope is that good training will

prevent research misconduct. Research misconduct is a very serious offense and, if accused, is a long and tedious process.

3. New Business/Announcements

- a. Yvonne Kilpatrick, from Graduate Admissions, reported they submitted a proposal to APC to revise the wording in the catalog for the ELI student placement exam. There is a parallel proposal going forward with the undergraduate APC. Both APC's will work together to bring this to the Councils as a topic of discussion.
- b. Dr. Dixie Thompson communicated that she has met with folks at OIRA to discuss improved and better ways of collecting data for graduate students. Dr. Thompson reported that the Chancellor and the Provost are supporting this effort. This is going to be a long process and all the data will not come about at the same time.

Dr. Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 3:00p.m..

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