

Graduate Student Council (GSC)

Meeting with Executive Advisors (Minutes of Meeting)

Putnam Hall 202, Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Attendees:

Dr. Claudia Tomany (CT), Dean, Graduate School, Claudia.Tomany@ndsu.edu

Dr. Brandy Randall (BR), Associate Dean, Graduate School, brandy.randall@ndsu.edu

Dr. Kelly Rusch (KR), Vice President for Research and Creative Activity, kelly.rusch@ndsu.edu

Nonnie Tangen (NT), Business and Operations Manager, Graduate School, nonnie.tangen@ndsu.edu

Ramnarain Ramakrishna (RR), Asif Arshid (AA), Corina Todoran (CTo), Vickie Conner (VC), Swetha Thiyagarajan (ST)

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am by Dr. Claudia Tomany, with a round of introductions by all participants.

Plans for the coming year

CT is excited about the new leadership. She mentioned Master's students are not well represented. There is a need to look for master's students in Engineering. We need to also involve adult students who pursue their degrees in the evening – think about ways to do that. The more students we represent, the more powerful the voice. She mentioned the meetings with Graduate Student Leaders, but only 10 students come. She will continue the meetings with them, but we need more representation. We also need to interact with the Senate and make this leadership opportunity known.

KR mentioned there are 2 graduate student slots for the Research Council. This Council is made up of faculty from every college. They discuss about important issues such as intellectual property, academic dishonesty, IRB.

CT asked us what are our plans for next year. AA mentioned we decided to set office hours in the GLC, planning a 2-hour meeting/week as well. We decided to meet on a regular basis. We also decided to go for committee hiring as soon as possible. We also analyzed how much money we have left.

CT: Business, Arts, Architecture students are off campus, thus there are advantages and disadvantages, we need to think what can we do for that. We could also meet with the Dean of the Libraries to see how we can collaborate.

Past year

CT talked about the accomplishments GSC had in the past year:

1. Continuous advocacy for health insurance issues – made true improvements
2. She liked the graduate conference (symposium), but this year we need to promote it in advance.
3. Two panels about the advisor-advisee relationship. We should have another panel with students.

Other administrative issues

CT would like to hear from us if we have any questions, to have that flow of information. Individually or as a group, she is always there if we want to talk. We should identify 3-5 outcomes for the year.

BR mentioned that orientation will change for this coming year. There will be table topics (faculty, staff, grad students) and GSC should organize a welcome social for all graduate students. AA discussed some farewell ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.