

Graduate Council Report to Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee October 10, 2016

Since the last report to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Fall 2016 census of student enrollment of the College of Graduate Studies (COGS) has been completed with a modest increase in enrollment of ~2.0 % from the previous academic year (headcount of 4,401 Fall 2016 compared to 4,313 in Fall 2015). To continue this trend, the COGS is developing recruiting efforts involving faculty and staff participation.

The GCEC has been working closely with faculty senate on supporting initiation of a student concern portal, the 'Rocket Care Report'. The primary purpose of the portal is to connect students in crisis with resources to help meet their needs. The Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Dr. Phillip 'Flapp' Cockrell provided information about this portal at the September 20th Graduate Council meeting.

The Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC) has re-populated our standing committees. Two of the standing committees (Curriculum and Membership) presented schedules at a full Graduate Council meeting this fall. These schedules outline due dates for submitting and moving business through the GC committees for final review and/or recommendation for approval of the GC as a whole.

There are a number of policies under review by the GCEC and the Academic Programs & Regulations Committee impacting graduate studies in close cooperation with COGS. These include student background checks, faculty qualifications and a Missed Class Policy, which currently covers only undergraduate students.

President Gaber and Provost Hsu are our invited speakers at the October 18 GC meeting. Vice President for Enrollment, Dr. Stephanie Sanders, is our invited speaker for our November 1 meeting.

Graduate Council has been collaborating closely with our new College of Graduate Studies Dean, Amanda Bryant-Friedrich to enrich graduate education and we look forward to those continuing efforts.

Respectfully,
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