



Graduate Studies Committee

November 9, 2007

1:45PM to 2:45PM

Dean's Conference Room (4307, HPNP)

Members:

Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Jeff Hughes (PC), Dr. Joanna Peris (PD), Dr. Carole Kimberlin (PHCA), Dr. Reggie Frye (PP), Ms. Krista Wilson (GS), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Ms. Deborah Stowell (ORGS)



AGENDA TOPICS

1. Accept minutes from the September 21, 2006 meeting. No meeting in October.
2. Research Showcase – February 22, 2007
3. Graduate Student Insurance – Effective date 01/01/07
4. Dr. Segal – Review of Council of Graduate Deans Meeting
5. Residency Requirements for Students
6. NRC Survey - Where each of the units are
7. PhD Program Best Practices
8. Guidelines for Developing a Jointly Conferred PhD Degree Program



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Minutes from November 9, 2006

Attendees: Drs. Bergeron (MC), Hughes (PC), Frye (PP), Katovich for Peris (PD), Segal for Kimberlin (PHCA), Wilson (GS); Millard and Stowell (ORGS).

1. Meeting was opened at 1:45pm in room 4307 with the minutes from the September 21, 2006 GSC meeting being approved as recorded. No meeting in October.
2. Research Showcase: Dr. Millard announced to the committee that the 2007 Annual Research Showcase will be held on Thursday, February 22. Memos to the college have been sent out with the information and submission forms.
3. Graduate Student Insurance: Starting January 1, 2007 graduate students on a TA, RA, or Fellowship will be eligible for individual coverage. The individual website is www.gatorgradcare.com and point of contact at Human Resources (HR) is Julie Neubig (392-0003). January 30, 2007 is the deadline to sign up for Spring and/or Summer. In March a new enrollment period will open up for next year. The college is preparing an eligible graduate student list serve to be sent to HR so that they can continually update graduate student son timelines and changes that may occur in the health insurance program. Dr. Millard will update faculty on the individual costs associated with the new insurance plan for any student who is currently an RA and paid off of grant funds.
4. Review of Council of Graduate Deans Meeting: Dr. Segal updated the committee on issues presented at the Council of Graduate Dean's Meeting. Agenda items from that meeting were NRC update, residency status for graduate students, the Bologna Process, ProQuest selling dissertations online, modifications to the editorial process for theses and dissertations, results of the Graduate Coordinator's Survey, and graduate student exit surveys and how that will be used to compare UF to other universities. Please see agenda packet for complete details. Dr. Millard will update all graduate students on the ProQuest dogma.
5. Residency Status for Students: This was touched upon in the Graduate Dean's Meeting update from Dr. Segal. US citizens who are not Florida residence are strongly encouraged to apply for Florida residency. This would save the University several million dollars a year on tuition fees.

6. NRC Survey: The Program Questionnaire will be ready any day for each department to complete. A sample questionnaire was provided in the packet. The Faculty Questionnaire will be ready about November 15. An email will be sent out to all faculty when it is ready. All surveys are due by December 15, 2006.
7. The university has finally approved guidelines for developing a jointly conferred PhD program with international institutions. The guidelines are attached in the packet.
8. Joint PharmD/PhD Program: Dr. Frye announced that he has received all the information from the departments and the manual for the PharmD/PhD program should be ready in about a week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm