



# Graduate Studies Committee

April 17, 2008

11:00AM to 12:00PM

Dean's Conference Room (4307, HPNP)

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**Members:** Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Ian Tebbett (MC-Forensics), Dr. Jeff Hughes (PC), Dr. Tony Palmieri (PC), Dr. Michael Katovich (PD), Dr. Carole Kimberlin (PHCA), Dr. Reggie Frye (PP), Mr. Matthias Fueth (GS), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Ms. Deborah Bambarola (ORGS)

**Guest(s):** None

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## AGENDA TOPICS

- ✚ **Accept Minutes** – from the March 12, 2008 meeting
- ✚ **Program Review** – Update
- ✚ **Alumni Fellowships**



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Minutes from April 19, 2008

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**Attendees:** Dr. Ray Booth (MC), Dr. Jeff Hughes (PC), Dr. Michael Katovich (PD), Dr. Carole Kimberlin (PHCA), Dr. Reggie Frye (PP), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Ms. Deborah Bambarola (ORGS)

**Absent:** Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Ian Tebbett (MC-Forensics), Dr. Tony Palmieri (PC), Mr. Matthais Fueth (GS)

**Guests:** None

✚ **Accept Minutes:** Meeting was opened at 11:05am in room 4303 with the minutes from the March 12, 2008 GSC meeting being approved as recorded.

✚ **Alumni Fellowship Update:** All Alumni offers have been made. A memo will be generated and submitted to the Graduate School shortly. In discussion, Dr. Millard asked the committee how they wanted to use their Alumni Fellowship funds. They could continue to admit one student as a fellow or disburse the funds amongst all their new students to increase their stipend levels. At this time the committee chose to continue to select just one fellow at the base stipend level of \$22,500. Additional funds may be added at the discretion of the department but must also be supported by the department.

✚ **Graduate Program Review:** Dr. Millard recapped the outcome of the Program Review Post Review meeting yesterday. The biggest concern from all review teams was that stipend levels are too low. Dr. Millard recommended supplementing each new stipend with Alumni monies but the committee voted to not go in that direction. Another option is to cut state lines in order to increase the base stipend amount. Some departments have already done this while others may consider it. Lower stipend amounts generally means less domestic students in the program. Without sufficient domestic students the departments (or a college as a whole) can not apply for a training grant. One benefit to the training grant is that for every 3 students supported by the grant DSR will provide an additional student line. There was some discussion about the college as a whole collaborating to submit a training grant in the near future.

✚ Next GSC Meeting is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to noon in room 4307.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am