



Graduate Studies Committee

January 14, 2009

2:00PM to 3:00PM

Dean's Conference Room (4307, HPNP)

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 (POP), Dr. Reggie Frye (PP), Mr. Matthias Fueth (GS), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Ms. Deborah Bambarola (ORGS)

Guest(s): None



AGENDA TOPICS

- ✚ **Accept Minutes** – from the November 25, 2008 meeting. There was no meeting in December.
- ✚ **TA Assignments** – List is finalized and attached
- ✚ **Research Showcase** – Oral Competition Finalist, IDP Students in Oral Competition?
- ✚ **Increase in Stipends** – **New** students starting Fall 2009



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Minutes from January 14, 2009

Members: Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Ian Tebbett (MC-Forensics), Dr. Jeff Hughes (PC), Dr. Tony Palmieri (PC), Dr. Carrie Haskell-Luevano (PD), Dr. Carole Kimberlin (POP), Dr. Reggie Frye (PP), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Ms. Deborah Stowell (ORGS) **Absent:** Dr. Michael Katovich (PD), Mr. Matthias Fueth (GS) **Guests:** None

- ✚ **Accept Minutes:** Meeting was opened at 2:15pm in room 4307 with the minutes from the November 25, 2008 GSC meeting being approved as recorded. There was no meeting in December.
- ✚ **TA Assignments:** TA assignments for the Spring have been finalized with no additional changes.
- ✚ **Research Showcase:** The Oral Competition finalists were selected by the committee and the tally sheet was attached with the final votes listed. There was a close tie in the Senior Division between the 3rd and 4th place abstract. Dr. Millard asked the committee if they wanted to just stay with the top three or go with the top four finalists. The committee all agreed to have four finalists in the Senior Division.
- ✚ **University PhD Review:** Over the 2008 holidays the Graduate School, at the request of the President, conducted a quantitative review and assessment of all PhD programs at UF. This review consisted of 9 quantitative indicators from data generated by the graduate school. The results were ranked in quartiles for ease of presentation... the net result was that Pharmaceutical Sciences had 5 of the nine indicators ranked in the top quartile and three in the second quartile with one in the 3rd quartile (minority percentage). Interestingly, two of the indicators in the second quartile were very close to being in the top quartile. The net result was that Pharmaceutical Sciences ranked 3rd within the University in their PhD Assessment. Dr. Millard showed the committee that data and congratulated them on maintaining outstanding PhD training at UF.
- ✚ **Increase in Stipends:** Dr. Millard announced to the committee that it has been mandated that all NEW Fall 09 students entering on a state line will receive a 5% increase in their stipend over the new Fall 08 students. The additional funds to cover this increase will be coming from the Provost's Office.
- ✚ **Next GSC Meeting is February 18 at 2pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm