



Graduate Studies Committee

January 19, 2012

12:00PM to 1:00PM

Dean's Conference Room (4307, HPNP)

Members: Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Ian Tebbett (MC-Forensics), Dr. Joanna Peris (PD), Dr. Tony Palmieri (PC), Dr. Almut Winterstein (POP), Dr. Taimour Langae (PTR), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Jonathan Schelfhout (SP)

Guest(s): Debbie Bambarola

AGENDA TOPICS

- + Accept Minutes:
- + Ranking of Research Showcase Oral Finals:
- + PTR Concentration in Clinical Pharmaceutical Science:
- + 2012/2013 Graduate School Fellowship Awards:
- + Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Update:



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Minutes from January 19, 2012

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Absent: Dr. Palmieri (Dr. Song attended on his behalf).

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- + **Accept Minutes:** Meeting began at 12:05pm with the minutes from the November 28, 2011 meeting being accepted.
- + **Ranking of Research Showcase Oral Finals:** Dr. Millard went over all the winners of the awards in each department. He thanked the members for ranking all the students. Letters congratulating students will go out today (1/19/12). All members agreed with the results of the rankings.
- + **PTR Concentration in Clinical Pharmaceutical Science:** Dr. Frye explained the process of separating PTR as its own concentration. The department's proposal was given to the members for their review. The proposal explains the process, courses and requirements for admission. Dr. Frye then explained the department's preference for student admission.
- + **2012/2013 Graduate School Fellowship Awards:** The college was awarded \$75,000. Dr. Millard suggested that the college distribute the money as three awards of \$25,000. Dr. Sloan mentioned that the distribution of the awards should be a departmental choice and that each member of the committee petition to their respective departments. Dr. Millard then reminded the members that the awards are four year awards and only eligible for new students.
 - Dr. Peris motioned that each department put forward their best candidate for the members to vote. The top three students would receive \$25,000. This motion was second. Four members approved and four others opposed. Dr. Peris then withdrew the motion in order to have a consensus on the issue.
 - Dr. Sloan motioned that the \$75,000 be split up into the five departments and distribute \$15,000 to each department.

- Dr. Song suggested that the awards be split into three parts of \$20,000 and distribute the difference as top-off money. This was not one of the options presented by the Graduate School, so therefore this option needed to be submitted by Dr. Millard to the Graduate School first.

Dr. Millard will contact the Graduate School and find out if it's possible to change the set out rules of disbursement for the award money.

 **Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Update:** Dr. Millard along with the help of the faculty wrote out the Doctoral Program Improvement Plan, which was successfully submitted by the January 9th deadline. The idea behind the program is to improve graduate stipends.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:01pm.