

March 7, 2018 – Spring break meeting

- GAPSA
 - Union Update
 - Carryover Release
 - International Student Database
 - E&A (Repeat of Mark's presentation to us)
 - VP Change of Duties
 - GradFest transferred?
- Research Council
 - AEF
 - Spring AEF YTD: \$6400
 - Bodies & Borders--\$2000 ask
 - Voted in Full
 - Literary Sediments, A Lecture Series--\$800 Ask
 - Voted in Full
 - Politics: Just in Time--\$2249
 - Voted in Full
 - Stranger Things--\$1300 Ask
 - Voted in Full
 - Muslim Becomings--\$750 Ask
 - Voted in Full
 - Symposium on Regulation of Genetic Engineering--\$1250 ask
 - Voted for \$600
 - High School Science Day--\$1120 Ask
 - Voted in Full
 - 3-Minute Thesis--\$2000 Ask
 - Motion for \$1000
 - Ultimately Tabled
 - South Asian Languages Reading Groups and Film Studies--\$775 Ask
 - Voted in Full
 - All other events determined to not be eligible for Research Academic Event Funds as they are organized by Professional Students
 - PDMMI; MVA Workshop; Society of Oral Oncology; Internal Medicine Interest Group; DICE; Design Student Journal;
 - Mentorship
 - There is some training for junior faculty members
 - Those faculty members have to seek it out
 - Presumably, they are not the problem
 - Mentorship Round Table on March 20th, GSE, 12-1 PM
 - Suggestion that there be some sort of certificate program to recognize the participation of faculty members in Mentorship Training
 - BGS has established guidelines
 - David Sliski Motions to present this to University Administration that this should be made a standard
 - Admittedly little teeth to it, but at least gives us a working standard
 - If Penn argues that we are not workers because we are mentees, then how can they justify not having standards for mentorship?
 - Hypothetically, 2011 document already exists that lays out expectations
 - Is the audience actually for faculty or students?
 - From University Administration perspective, it is much easier to offer incentives to individual schools, rather than to impose regulations

- Committee Oversight
 - Picks up on our conversations about potential gaps between coursework and having any type of committee oversight
 - Ideas have been floated, no official timeline established
 - Good starting standard: completion of classes
 - Make the committee primarily non-academic, separate from thesis committee
 - Understand there is a focus on wellness and progress, rather than academic progress
 - “Advisory and Mentorship Committee”
- Finance
 - Discretionary
 - 3 lined up for next week
 - 2 to be reviewed, 2 reviewed
 - Travel
 - Currently 93 applications in
- Grievance Procedure Update
 - Basic By-Laws
 - Committee By-Laws
 - Goal for meeting after next
 - Greg will work on a draft
- Fund Release
 - E-mail sent to Eve for final permission
 - Greg will follow up on Monday
 - Get everything ready in meanwhile
 - Application for Professional
 - Essentially clone travel google form
 - Bring to GB proposal that committee review cross-applications as if PD doesn't exist; those who do not receive funding can apply to PD even if window has closed; Finance will keep a record of all applications that would have qualified for PD to keep our data gathering clear
 - Application for Solidarity
 - Own selection under funding on website
 - Policy & Finance Committees will set up a joint meeting to put together application and decide how to evaluate competitively
 - Ready a school-wide e-mail
- Elections soon