

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2017 3:00 – 4:30 PM LIB 209 (Fishbowl)

- I. Welcome!
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Approval of April 3, 2017 meeting notes
- II. Announcements
 - A. Update: HSU/Scholarly Communications & Digital Scholar Team
 - i. Kyle Morgan
 - B. Update: Nonresident Fee Waiver Allocation working group
 - i. Alison O'Dowd, (Subcommittee: Erik Jules, Meredith Williams, Tina Georganas, Yvonne Everett)
 - C. Update: Transfer & Graduation Counselor, Office of the Registrar
 - i. Melissa Tafoya
 - D. Update: Financial Aid Information
 - i. Maria-Elena Whaples, Associate Director of Financial Aid Department
 - E. Update: Graduate Continuous Enrollment
 - i. Christian Guillen, Registrar, College of eLearning and Extended Education
 - F. Update: Graduate Studies
 - i. Terri Fisher, Graduate Coordinator Director
 - 1. Fall 2017 Graduate Orientation - Discuss Appendix B
 - 2. Graduate and Professional School Fair, **September 14, 2107**
 - 3. ASC Training, **September 18, 2017**
- III. Graduate Council Priorities for 2017/2018 Academic Year
 - A. Mary Glenn, Interim Vice Provost, Undergraduate & Graduate Dean
 - ii. Survey Results - Discuss Appendix A
- IV. Discussion: Residency for Tuition Purposes
 - A. Steve Ladwig, Interim Director of Admissions & New Student Program
- V. Discussion: Unconventional Graduate Applicants
 - A. Josh Zender, MBA Graduate Coordinator

Appendix A: Graduate Council Priorities Survey Results

10 votes: Graduate Recruitment – Increase efforts to recruit a diverse community of graduate students and cohesively provide a collective voice.

6 votes: Determine ways for the Graduate programs to enrich the undergraduate students' experience at HSU

6 votes: Address workforce demand and impact (as part of a positive contribution)

5 votes: Clarify the role of graduate education at HSU

4 votes: Implement Graduate Teaching Associate training

4 votes: Establish Time to Degree – Best practices for Graduate Students

Other contributions: Graduation Initiative,

Ways to increase graduate student funding,

Supporting high impact practices,

Five year action plan to strengthen and grow graduate programs

Appendix B: Graduate Student Orientation Survey Results:

We sent out a survey via email to all students who attended our Fall 2017 Orientation to get some feedback so that we can continue to improve the orientation experience.

Our questions were:

What did you enjoy most about the Fall 2017 graduate student orientation event?

What did you find to be the most helpful part of orientation? And,

What would you improve about this orientation?

Some of the positive and critical feedback we received was:

- “I enjoyed how well I got to know the campus resources as well as my fellow classmates.”
- “This orientation provided information that was relevant for graduate students in Natural Resources that the general orientation did not provide.”
- “I would allow more time for questions from current graduate students about what works and what doesn't in grad school. Maybe a Q and A or something.”
- “ The most helpful part was the reminders that doubts in confidence are normal; reminders to take care of yourself not to hyper focus on academics”
- “It was most helpful to know all of the information about campus resources that I would not have otherwise known about.”
- “I enjoyed the speakers letting us know we are not alone in this next step of our lives and learning of all the resources HSU offers to assist us every step of the way.”
- “I enjoyed the Academic & Career Advising Center presentation and the Peer Health/Oh Snap! presentation.”
- “You could include an introduction of fun activities to do/see in the area for new residents.”
- “I would improve this by including more info about LGBTQ and transgender resources.”
- “I liked how well I got to know the HSU campus resources as well as my fellow classmates.”
- “There could have more tables from around campus.”