Graduate Council

GENERAL SESSION AGENDA

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3:45 - 5:00 PM in Curti Lounge

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Attending: Dunlavy (chair), Bernault, Scarano, Ussishkin; student representatives: Spring Greeney, Rachel Gross; member, Graduate Council Funding Committee student representative Tony Pietsch

I. Approval of March 4, 2015, minutes (postponed until May meeting)

II. Upcoming events & announcements
   a. Graduation Ceremony, May 15th
   b. JCOTA and JCT updates
   c. "Futurama" meeting of the faculty on April 25

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Agreed that, particularly in this time of transition, it is important that the GCFC continue as an ad hoc sub-committee of the GC, its mandate to be agreed upon at the beginning of each academic year; and that the GCFC’s structure to be changed so that it is composed entirely of members of the GC. To this end, we will propose changes to departmental legislation that would:

   a. Eliminate the election of a graduate-student representative to the GCFC; and
   b. Increase the number of elected graduate student members of the GC from 3 to 4.

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Agreed, in principal, that we should offer writing prizes. The DGS and the Graduate Program Coordinator will:

a. Set a deadline for nominations for the Baensch Prize in Wisconsin history for this semester, issue a call for nominations, and convene a faculty committee to evaluate nominations so that, if awarded, the prize may be announced at the Spring Reception; and

b. Draft procedures for review at the May GC meeting for awarding an MA prize and a dissertation prize, beginning in 2015-2016.

VI. Learning Goals—revised, based on March 2015 discussion—approved.

VII. 2016 admissions targets — Discussion: What information will we need in order to set study-program targets at our May 2015 meeting? — Agreed that we will update the study program profiles and other information on which targets were based for 2015-16 and that we will solicit any additional information that the study programs might want the GC to consider in setting targets for 2016-17.