Graduate Council

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, November 4, 2013
3:45 - 5:00 PM in 5255 Humanities

In Attendance: Steve Kantrowitz (Chair), Leslie Abadie, Jake Blanc, Shelly Chan, Brian Hamilton, Susan Johnson, Neil Kodesh, Faron Levesque, Marlina Polk McGiveron, Jane Williams, Naomi Williams.

I. Meeting called to order at 3:48 pm

II. General Session Minutes from October 9, 2013, approved

III. Update: Diversity Training
   - Three more town hall meetings are planned for Spring 2014, dates to be determined.

IV. Chancellor’s Fellowship Application
   Council reviewed and amended Chancellor’s Fellowship Application

V. Funding Data and Presentation Discussion
   Kantrowitz provided a run through of the funding presentation he would be giving at the November 20, 2013, Department Meeting. Council members discussed the data presented and issues related to the graduate income floor provided by peer institutions, as well as possible ways to concentrate funding for a fewer number of students. Comments on a smaller graduate program included: more independent study, fewer graduate seminars (currently no teaching credit for independent study), placement outcomes, and the possibility of a terminal MA program to provide financial support for the Ph.D. program.

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