



Graduate Directors Meeting

October 31, 2024

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Close-Hipp Room 584

The Graduate Director's Meeting was held on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 3:00 pm in Close-Hipp 583.

Present: Michael Bizmis, Kenneth Campbell, Holly Gentry, David Hitchcock, Danny Jenkins, Bret Kloos, Kathryn Lochok, Stephen Shapiro, Brett Sherman, Angelina Sylvain, Sheryl Wiskur, Mark Yancy, Ann Vail

Those attending via Teams Call: Stacey Bradley, Libby Cross, Whitney Dobek, Andrew Graciano, Andreas Heyden, Fang Meng, Robert Moren, Jennifer O'Neill, Susan Steck, Marco Valtorta, Matthew Wilson

Guest: Kesha Clavon, Director of Recruitment

Dean Ann Vail presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

Opening Remarks

- The Graduate School has access to two National Databases for potential students. They are the National Name Exchange of the Council of Graduate Schools and McNair Data Base. If you have any interest in accessing the students represented in these data bases, please reach out to Kesha Clavon kesha@mailbox.sc.edu. Some of the capabilities are:
 - Ability to send information on your behalf.
 - Advertise any type of information session you might be providing.
 - Access whether they are Masters of PhD seeking students.
 - Arrange meetings for these students with an advisor in your department.

Announcements

- **3MT**
 - Competition preliminaries will be held on November 8th from 10:00 – 11:30 am
 - Finals will be held from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Close-Hipp 582
- **Doctoral Hooding**
 - December 16, 2024, Koger Center, 10:00 – 12:00
- **Marching Order**
 - We will be using Marching Order for Doctoral Hooding for the first time in December. The students have been given access to Marching Order.
- **Systems Optimization Task Force update**
 - Three campus demonstrations of the admissions system under consideration. These demos will be recorded for those that are not able to attend.
 - November 4th, 10-11:30 a.m. - Element 451. This is the only software vendor system that is not currently on our campus or used by anyone on our campus.
 - November 6th, 2-3:30 pm - Liaison CAS – Target X. Has 2 different platforms, one for the application, one for the main enrollment management process.
 - November 7th, 10-11:30 a.m. – Slate. Uses a 3rd party provider that provides slate service.
 - November 12th, 1-2:00 p.m. - Community Forum discussion and feedback regarding the 3 systems.
 - Vendor finalists will be selected by the Systems Optimization Task Force at the end of October.
- Position currently open for director of Professional Development. This is an open search with 17 applications to date. October 31st is the closing date for this position.
- Plan to launch an internal search for the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs & Student Engagement in November. If you have any colleagues that might have an interest, please encourage them to apply. This will be a full-time position that requires a professor or Associate Professor in a tenure track position.

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Inside Graduate Admissions – See attached PowerPoint presentation.

- As we identify a new admissions system, this gives us an opportunity to look at what we present to the public and potential students as we will be loading all this information into the new system.
- Libby Cross is the central point of contact for Graduate School website inquiries.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

Next meeting: November 21, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00, Close-Hipp Room 584

Minutes by Cherrie Markey