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GSPN Activities:

- 1) GSPN Survey
  - a. This survey had broad, open ended and specific experience questions. More than 250 Graduate students and alum responded.
  - b. Survey Participants would like to see more communication with program and Graduate Studies
- 2) Monthly Newsletter
  - a. The GSPN is planning to send a newsletter to graduate students and directors with GSPN highlights, events, and other relevant activities.
- 3) GSPN Open House
  - a. The GSPN is planning an Open House for April 13, 2016. Last year, more than 70 attended. The GSPN will be sending invitation to Graduate Students, Faculty/Staff, and juniors and seniors.
- 4) Webpage
  - a. The GSPN is creating a webpage linked through Graduate Studies website. The council will be

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	<p>informed once this webpage becomes active.</p> <p>5) Mentoring Experience</p> <p>a. This initiative is still in the early planning stages. More information to follow.</p>	
Full time and part time student status	<p>Academic Partnership has strongly suggested a change to the current full time and part time status policy to accommodate the new course schedule. The currently policy states a full time student is enrolled in 8 or more graduate hours and a part time student is enrolled in 4 or more graduate hours. This change would update the hours to 6 (full time) and 3 (part time).</p> <p>The council had concern of how this change would impact international students. Possibly make this change with exception for international Government Requirements.</p>	Dr. Rowser will discuss with Heidi Gregori Gahan the impact (if any) this change will have on international students and share with council via email or at the next meeting.
Graduate Studies and Academic Partnership	<p>Graduate Studies is in the process of updating current office practices. All applicants are now being reviewed electronically and the overall process is becoming more efficient.</p> <p>Recruitment and outreach in Graduate Studies is being revamped, as well.</p>	Information Only
<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Virtual Fairs</p>	<p>Graduate Studies will be participating in two virtual fairs through March and April:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Healthcare and Social Sciences Virtual Graduate School Fair with CollegeWeek Live and GradSchools.com</li> <li>2) Diversity Virtual Fair for Health Professions with CareerEco</li> </ol> <p>Ms. Lindsey Gibson will represent Graduate Studies in these events and will forward prospective names to programs.</p>	Information Only
Scholarships	34 Graduate Students were awarded \$29,500 for the spring semester. 12 students were recognized as diverse students by race/ethnicity and	Information Only

<p>Program Highlights</p>	<p>gender.</p> <p><b>MSSM</b> (Dr. Glenna Bower)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> semester with a 10 student cohort</li> <li>• Looking at additional coursework for program</li> </ul> <p><b>MSE</b> (Dr. Bonnie Beach)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on EdD</li> <li>• Refreshing MSE with data collected from EdD surveys</li> </ul> <p><b>MSIM</b> (Dr. Tom McDonald)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 students graduating in the spring of 2016</li> <li>• Looking at tracks with the MBA program</li> </ul> <p><b>MSOT</b> (Dr. Janet Kilbane)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimating around 30 admits for the fall of 2017</li> </ul> <p><b>MSN</b> (Dr. Mellisa Hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer applicants for the fall of 2017 due to issues with clinical placements</li> </ul> <p><b>MPA</b> (Dr. Matt Hanka)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MPA program is growing and will add a 4+1 program next year</li> <li>• Possibly adding a criminal justice track</li> </ul> <p><b>MSW</b> (Dr. Vaughn DeCoster)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 100 applicants for this admission cycle, admitting about 82</li> <li>• Looking into DSW</li> </ul> <p><b>MA-C</b> (Dr. Leigh Anne Howard)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working with current process</li> <li>• Adding new faculty</li> <li>• Looking into ways to better communicate with students</li> </ul>	<p>Information Only</p>
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The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Orr Center 3076.**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.