

**University of Southern Indiana
Council of Graduate Program Directors and Chairs
April 19, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: M. Rowser (Chair), B. Beach, G. Bower, C. Conaway, J. Dickerson, M. Hanka, L.A. Howard, T. Hunt, T. McDonald, K. Valadares
Guests: L. Gray, S. Jones, E. Zlatkovska, M. Gonnerman

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Hanka made the motion to approve them, and Dr. McDonald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Announcements	Ms. Lauren Gray is the new Graduate Admissions Assistant. Contact Lauren for all information regarding application status	Information Only
Old Business Scholarships	<p>The spring scholarship distribution was given to the council. This is a breakdown of graduate student scholarships for each program.</p> <p>Jennings and Josephine Carter Scholarships were awarded to 7 graduate students. Each student will receive \$1000 divided between fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters.</p> <p>From the \$16,500.00 for David L. Rice Scholars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rowser proposed \$6,500.00 to be moved to need based scholarships for the summer. This amount was added to the \$4,750.00 already allocated for summer need. <p>\$15,000 Foundation Funds: Many options were discussed on how to use the funding provided by the Foundation. Funding was provided instead of pursuing the Graduate Auction project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis/Academic Award • Endowment with Graduate Studies • Faculty & Student Professional Development • New Student Orientation • Endowment and Award 	<p>The council voted to move \$6,500.00 of David L. Rice Scholarship monies to Summer 2017 need based scholarship. All approved.</p> <p>Dr. Rowser has asked council to provide feedback and ideas of ways to use the foundation funds. Dr. Rowser will return to council with information for Mr. Bower and further discussion.</p>

<p>New Business English Proficiency – Melissa Gonnerman, Center for International Programs</p>	<p>Mrs. Gonnerman and Dr. Zlatkovska presented the English Proficiency Policy draft to the council. Updates to the current policy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt Country list • Acceptable Tests list 	<p>Dr. Rowser asked the council to review the undergraduate testing policy and allowable countries and offer a recommendation of whether this policy should be adopted as a graduate policy.</p> <p>Dr. Zlatkovska added that she would like to discuss the possibility of adding an English proficiency bridge program for undergraduate and graduate students later.</p>
<p>Graduate Student Professional Network – Lindsey Gibson</p>	<p>Ms. Gibson gave a brief update on the GSPN. 65+ attended the Spring Open House and all agreed it was a great event that yielded several prospective graduate students</p>	<p>Information Only</p>
<p>Graduate Studies Marketing – Lindsey Gibson</p>	<p>Ms. Gibson provided a brief update on Marketing Opportunities in Graduate Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohosted Eagle Hour with Alumni Services at Acropolis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 60+ in attendance ○ Communicated with several alumni that all left with Graduate Studies Give-A-Ways • Graduate Assistantships across campus increased to 55 positions this academic year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 60 Graduate Students applied, and were not selected • Graduate Studies prospect list grew to 200+ and 37 applied from our efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25% of prospect list heard about Graduate Programs from program advisors. 	<p>Information Only</p>

The next meeting will be determined and emailed to council.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.