

Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 2 April, 2021

Present: Jennifer Roberts, Hui Cai, Matt Gillispie, Heidi Hallman, Chris Johnson, Yan Li, Joshua Miner, Robert Parsons, Andrew Short, Matt Tidwell, Jide Wintoki, Michael Wolfe, Kristine Latta (Staff), Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff), Jessy Carolina Ayestas Hernandez (Staff)

Absent: Jody Brook, Mike Werle (*Ex Officio*), Ben Wolfe.

Announcements

- We anticipate that HEERF II funds will be distributed within the next few weeks. Approximately \$2.2 million of the total has been set aside for graduate students.
- The proposed Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) premium rates previously announced have been fully approved by the State. Premiums will increase by about 9% for the 2021-2022 plan year beginning in August. We expect the Provost to make a formal announcement within the next few weeks.
- Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week will be held 5-9 April and we hope all units will make an effort to connect with graduate students.

Review of Minutes

- 12 March 2021
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Graduate Faculty Nominations

- Approved as Proposed:
 - Amy Van de Riet (ARCH)
 - Roberta Gumbel (MUSC)
 - Ron Van Houten (ABSC)
 - Mekonnen Firew Ayano (ARCH)
 - Nikolaj Jang Lee Linding Pedersen (PHIL)
 - Brian Hawkins (ART)
 - Jaelyn J. Eberly (EEB)
 - Gloria Arratia (EEB)
 - John M. Blair (EEB)
 - Gaisheng Liu (GEOL)
- Denied:
 - Bryce Heesacker (ART)

Petitions for Policy Exception

- 3G on Probation (EPSY)
 - The petition was approved.

CDF and BGL Debrief

- The Council provided feedback about potential improvements they wish to see to the CDF and BGL Fellowship review process prior to the next award cycle.

Policy Revision Proposals

- Improving Doctoral Experiences on External Awards (IDEEA)
 - EC has voted to send the policy to the Provost for approval.

- Graduate Research Assistant Appointment Eligibility
 - EC has voted to send the policy for stakeholder review.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2021, 2:00 pm