Graduate Committee Minutes

10/27/2016

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Minutes

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Graduate Student Advising

Kiousis requested that we have some faculty who are not supervising students. Make it fair. What should be recommended for those that cannot or are not supervised.

Discussion:

* Control over students—more control over Master’s students.
* Advising—being chair.
* Students should report who declines to chair a committee, taking into consideration the subject area.
* Concern expressed about students reporting on faculty.
* How do we encourage senior faculty who are not chairing, to be a chair? Evaluation?
* Numbers: 2-3 years—Master’s, co-chair, Ph.D.
* For T&P—at least three Master’s students.
* The PRO-Master’s program will change this.
* Look just at PhDs?
* Give students faculty-area information.
* Put a cap on maximum number of students that a faculty member should have.
* Faculty that don’t chair or do research could choose to teach an undergrad class.
* Certain unfairness on evaluation of faculty who do too much and others who teach and no more.
* It is hard to make up a number.
* Something to take into consideration: being a member of Ph.D. committees takes a lot of time.
* There is no merit pay for chairs anymore.
* Penalizing people doesn’t necessarily improve behavior.
* Why don’t some of the people on the list not chair—they don’t want to.
* Info on the website, profiles with research, info given to Ph.D. students.

Preeminence Graduate Assistantships

Money to host students. February 23-24, 2017. Faculty will meet with them and go to dinner.

Suggestions for visitation days? Things to do, where to take them?

North Carolina funds six Ph.D. students.

Requirements:

* best promising researcher—related to position
* production
* professional experience
* publications

Some areas may provide better options, such as STEM.

* highest scores (not setting a number)
* highest expectations of production
* cover letter should state research area, publications, etc.
* thesis (or extended abstract) to evaluate future publications
* best students usually have highest writing scores
* presentation—bi annual seminar (after they are here)

Who should be invited? Students who have been accepted (in other universities) or not accepted? The benefit would be to meet the person and see their personal attitude. Bring the best regardless—accept superstars. They should do a presentation on their research at the visit.

About 12 candidates will be invited. Perhaps one international. Perhaps have dinner with current students.

Perhaps sooner than Feb. 23-34?

Faculty will be invited to ask questions.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTENDING: Babanikos, Ferguson, Goodman, Kelleher, Ostroff, Rodgers, Selepak, Spiker, Treise, Wright and Rodriguez. (Thank you, Lylly, for taking minutes in my absence. JH)