

GAPA
Friday, March 29, 2019
9:00-9:45am, 1110 LNCO

Minutes

1. Committee Petitions now online for Blanket Committee Petitions, Core Committee Petitions, and Set Committee Petitions
 - Available through CIS
 - PowerPoint tutorial is available, reach out to Darci if you need access
2. GAPA Survey Results
 - Summit (longer training/get together type meeting) seems to have some interest.
 - Even split between desire for monthly meeting or 1-2 meeting per semester.
 - Advisors on Health Campus/Upper Campus can't get to the meeting, known issue of University, no central easy to get to location exists yet unfortunately.
 - Please reach out to info@gradschool.utah.edu with ideas.
3. Reminder: April 15 Resolution
 - Departments are not allowed to offer money to students that they must accept before April 15. There is a legal precedent that the student can accept the money and then go somewhere else.
 - If sending out offers, make sure to include that we do abide by the April 15th Resolution and give access to information.
4. Out-of-Department Registration for Faculty Consultation
 - The Graduate School is strengthening the policy around Faculty Consultation
 - Trying to prevent students signing up for Faculty Consultation classes outside of their home Department
 - Please let us know if these policies would create problems for your department, especially interdisciplinary departments where and students take a lot of Faculty Consultation outside your department.
5. Post-Qualifying Exam Supervisory Committees
 - Looking at/making policy for students who have taken qualifying exams but do not have a committee for dissertation work. Not going to force faculty to take on dissertation students, but students have a right to academic assessment of their work in a timely manner.
 - Please let us know if these policies would create problems for your department.
6. Reminder: Updates to Graduate Handbooks
 - a. More information: <https://registrar.utah.edu/handbook/campussafety.php>
7. Reminder: Grammarly Subscriptions
 - a. More information at <https://gradschool.utah.edu/grammarly>
 - Please encourage students to use/sign up, a decision is going to be made in December 2019 of whether to renew and/or make it free for everyone
 - The more students who sign up, the better we can tell if it helps students

- Currently 2,000 students are signed up out of 8,500 invited. Only 1,700 students of the 2,000 are actively using it.
 - There is a free online version, but has limitations compared to the Premium version that is being offered
 - If student can't find email, you or they can fill out the form on the website for Danny to resend the email. Please thoroughly check for the email first though.
8. Thesis and Dissertation Awards Call for Nominations
- Council of Graduate Schools and Western Association of Graduate Schools organize Thesis and Dissertation Awards for students who've recently graduated or will graduate this semester for excellence in their fields.
 - i. More info at <https://gradschool.utah.edu/current-students/awards/>
 - Dissertations written in the last three years are eligible; theses written in the last year are eligible.
 - After the student applies for the award, if the Graduate school selects them to go on to the national and regional competitions, they get money from us. 500\$ for dissertation and 250\$ for a thesis.
9. Information Item: Graduate School Fellowship and Grant Awards to be Announced by April 5th
10. Upcoming Events
- a. March 31: Deadline for Digital Matters Graduate Student Fellowship from the Marriott Library
 - b. April 1: Fulbright Personal Statement Workshop
 - c. April 3: Fulbright Statement of Grant Purpose Workshop
 - d. April 5: Teaching Portfolio (CTLE Workshop)
 - e. April 9: Undergraduate Research Symposium
 - i. Graduate Student judges still needed! More information at https://ugs.formstack.com/forms/urs_postereval
 - f. April 10: CV Writing Workshop
 - g. April 12: Canvas Course Design Tools (CTLE Workshop)
 - h. April 17: Fulbright US Student Program Information Session
 - i. April 19: Preparing Your Course for Summer and Fall 2019 in Canvas (CTLE Workshop)
 - j. April 23: Predatory Publishing: Recognizing and Avoiding Scam Journals and Publishers
 - k. Other events and updates located at <https://gradschool.utah.edu/upcoming-events> and <https://gradschool.utah.edu/events-calendar>
11. Website Updates
- List of degrees is changing. Currently on the list is all degrees that are technically possible, and the degrees you want students to know about might be different. Danny will be reaching out to update the list with which degrees your department wants shown.

- Also, in the list of degrees, the emphasis is being removed, to help streamline the process. If the emphasis is really important, make sure to tell Danny when he reaches out.

12. Open Forum