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Academic and Student Affairs Committee
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Petersen Room, Allen Library

Call to Order and Attendance

Regent Jaech called the meeting to order at noon. He welcomed Regent Benoliel to the Board.

Committee members present: Regents Jaech (Chair), Kritzer, Rice, Riojas, and Simon
Other Regents present: Ayer, Benoliel, Blake, Harrell, and Shanahan
Others present at the table: President Cauce, Provost Baldasty, Faculty Senate Chair Norm Beauchamp, and GPSS President Alex Bolton.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

Regent Jaech announced that, hearing no objections, item A-1 would be on the consent agenda, and the minutes from the Committee meeting on November 12, 2015, would be approved, as distributed.

Five and 10-year Academic Program Review Overview (Information) (Item no. A–1)

Provost Baldasty mentioned Regents wanted to know more about academic program review and this item provides an overview of the process.

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Action) (Item no. A–2)

Provost Baldasty offered no highlights on this month’s report.

Following a motion and a second, the Committee voted to approve the academic and administrative appointments as presented. Regent Kritzer abstained as required by law.

Introduction of New Leadership: Dean of Education (Information) (Item no. A–3)

Provost Baldasty introduced Mia Tuan, Dean and Professor in the College of Education, who joined the University in July 2015. Dean Tuan told the Regents about her goals for the College of Education and her early impressions.

Graduate and Professional Student Waiver Program: Proposed Modifications and Extension (Action) (Item no. A–4)

Provost Baldasty provided some background about the waiver program, and Law School Dean Kellye Testy and Carol Teitz, School of Medicine Associate Dean for Admissions, both shared their experiences with the waivers and explained how they would be helpful in the future. Regent Rice requested Provost Baldasty report back to the Committee with more than raw data. It was also suggested information about this program be communicated to alumni so that they might convey it to their communities for recruitment and mentoring opportunities.
Regent Simon moved, and the Committee voted to approve item A–4, as presented.

Graduate and Professional School Enrollment Update (Information) (Item no. A–5)

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at a future meeting.

Graduate and Professional School Student Experience (Information) (Item no. A–6)

During this information item, Regents heard about the student experience of graduate and professional students.

The administrative presenters were:
- Rebecca Aanerud, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Planning, Graduate School
- Kelly Edwards, Associate Dean for Student and Postdoc Affairs, Graduate School
- Katy DeRosier, Director of Program Development, Graduate School and Provost’s Office

The following student presenters shared their experiences:
- Yasmeen Hussain, PhD student, Biology
- Monica Viharo-Cortez, PhD student, Drama
- Jordan Sherry-Wagner, Master's student, Education
- Zahra Rehamani, Undergraduate student, Sociology and Early Childhood Education

Associate Dean Aanerud said the key criterion for success as a graduate student is “fit.” She and her colleagues described GRDSCH200, a course designed to prepare students for graduate education. They also described the “book end” experience of being a grad student. Students praised the Husky Sunrise and Husky Sunset events and the G3 (Grads Guiding Grads) peer support program. They stressed the need for financial aid and professional development. Regents asked if on-line courses would be relevant and productive and the answer to this was “yes.”

Innovation Imperative: Democratic and Inclusive Innovation Across All Disciplines (Information) (Item no. A–7)

Vikram Jandhyala, Vice-Provost for Innovation, CoMotion, described how CoMotion strives to bring innovation across disciplines.

The following presenters shared their experiences with innovation projects:
- Ben Waters, CEO, WiBotic and recent PhD in Electrical Engineering (Dec. 2015)
- Gina Neff, Associate Professor of Communication and Sociology
- Kevin Mihata, Associate Dean for Educational Programs, College of Arts and Sciences
- Thaisa Way, Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture, College of Built Environments; Adjunct Professor, Architecture and History

Adjourn

Hearing no other business to come before the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting, Regent Jaech adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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