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AGENDA, GRADUATE FACULTY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 8th, 2022
12:00 – 12:50, via Zoom (online)

1. Consent agenda (see Appendix 1)

2. GPRC item for discussion – Tammi Laninga & Margaret Scheuermann
   - Graduate Program Review Committee Support Proposal

3. Provost/Executive VP for Academic Affairs search update – Craig Dunn

4. Items from the Dean/Associate Dean
   - Graduate School budget proposal update
   - WWU accreditation and graduate programs

5. Items from the floor

Appendix 1

Consent Agenda

1) Meeting minutes from 1/11/22
2) Committee updates
   a) Graduate School Curriculum Committee (GSCC)
      - GSCC met twice in January. The committee approved course proposals from BIOL, CSCI, CSD, ENVS, ESCI, GEOL, HIST, MATH, MLE, MUS, and UEPP, and program revisions from Audiology, Biology, Creative Writing, Computer Science, Mathematics, Multilingual Education, and Music.
   b) Graduate Program Review Committee (GPRC)
      - Chemistry (Tammi, Joseph, and Linda - newly joined): the review is well underway. Interviews have taken place with the Dean, Department Chair, and Graduate Advisor (new & former), and are scheduled with the Graduate Faculty. The graduate students on the GPR will help to coordinate meetings with the graduate students. We aim to get the current student and alumni surveys underway in the next week with Linda's help.
      - Speech & Language Pathology (SLP) (Linda, Tammi, Joseph): is being put on hold until the end of February or early March due to the loss of a committee member (for the second time!). Once Chemistry data collection is complete and the report is being drafted, the team will turn their focus to SLP.
      - Adult & Higher Education (AHE) (Margaret, Mark, Stefania - new/Chris Loar's replacement): waiting to find out if there are enough faculty around (e.g., not on leave), including the chair, to find out if this program will be reviewed. If not, the GPR co-chairs will identify another program for review.
      - Anthropology Follow-up (Mark): the GPR committee identified three areas for response. The program has been contacted and plans to provide written documentation of changes made to address the following items by the end of winter quarter 2022:
        - Course scheduling and coordination
        - Consideration of climate issues described in the review
        - Updates to laboratories and increased space for archeological collections
   c) Graduate Student Support Committee (GSSC)
      - The committee is working on task lists and has recently been in conversation with Dave and the Dean's Office.
      - The committee is continuing to explore ways to support graduate students