

Attention graduate and professional students!

The following is our November update, detailing briefly the meeting minutes provided by our GSO student representatives, who each serve on a different faculty committee. The purpose of having a graduate representative on our committees is to represent you, Marquette graduate students, but, also, to inform you as to what is happening within the university.

We will disseminate a monthly email with updated information about our committees. If you have any questions or concerns about a particular committee, please do not hesitate to contact our GSO student representatives. If you are interested in serving on a particular committee as a student representative during the 2013-2014 academic year, please contact the GSO at [gso@marquette.edu](mailto:gso@marquette.edu).



***Board for Student Media — Patrick Johnson, 11/27***

- Discussed the current restructuring of Marquette Student Media, particularly surrounding around how platforms will be delivering content and how the reorganization will impact advertising revenue.
  - Also looked at the current status of the finances.

***Committee on Academic Technology — Maggie Cinto, 11/16***

- Student Needs for Technology
  - Discussed the findings of committee members on the current practices of colleges in providing support for students in academic technology
- Academic Technology Budgets
  - Discussed the budgets related to academic technology at Marquette University
    - To be further discussed in the January meeting
- Online Education at Marquette University
  - Dr. Heidi Schweizer, E-Learning Faculty Development Specialist, presented information about the online and hybrid courses developed by the Center for Teaching and Learning and the E-Learning services available through the Center for Teaching and Learning.

***Committee on Teaching — Matthew Costello***

- The Committee received many nominations for the Teaching Excellence Award, but there were seven candidates that received a substantial amount of votes more than the rest.
  - As a result, instead of taking the usual ten finalists, we have decided to take these 7 instructors as our finalists.

### **Facilities Master Planning Committee — Katie Friesen, 11/28**

- Discussed the Capital Budget plan where departments and offices can identify needs that may be addressed by the capital budget, from the perspective of facilities master plan and input from the committee.
  - The areas of focus of the budget are federal and state *mandates, safety, security, technology, gift/donor supported projects, prior commitments*, and "other" (library books, prior commitments, building renewal, vehicle replacement); these areas drive the capital budget, other concerns are operating budget concerns of departments.
- Discussed the Historic Core, renovations will happen on the Historic Core: Sensenbrenner, Johnston, & Marquette Hall. Most renovations will occur in the summer months.
- A website for the committee is being developed for the larger Marquette website.

### **University Academic Senate — Greg Gillman, 11/19**

- Discuss role of Senate Representatives to their College
- Provost's Report - Dr. John Pauly
  - Enrollment Update
  - Healthy applications but behind by 2-5% at this point - should note that they tend to come in in clumps
  - Gifts update
    - \$600k gift from BMO Harris to Marquette and Boys and Girls clubs
    - Donors have been very generous to both dental and nursing school
    - Not only about raising money from the donors, but some donors are hosting events to help get others interested in fundraising
  - Question regarding academic integrity recommendations put forth by the sub-committee?
  - Lots of good work in the report and recommendations - pieces have been implemented
  - Budget for next year
    - Key elements tend to be tuition raise and then compensation pool followed by discussion for expenses and strategic initiatives
    - Budgeting for approximately 150 transfer students (this year 134) - an additional 100-150 transfer students would help raise additional revenue
    - Would need to work on alignment of courses to attract more transfer students
    - Board is asking the question about how to make the budget sustainable
- Vice Chairperson's Report - Dr. Lea Acord
  - Faculty Forum with Fr. Pilarz – November 27 at 4.p.m. in AMU Ballroom E
  - Both prepared questions and open microphone time available during this meeting
  - Send prepared questions to James Martin
  - Task force for Study of Shared Governance Update
  - Looking for a Dean to participate
- Strategic Planning Discussion of External Scan relating to Demographics and Student Financial Aid—Mr. Tom Ganey and Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp ([Presentation](#))

### **University Assessment Committee – Michelle Nemer, 11/16**

- The committee provided feedback by the UAC to Alix Riley for the revised Graduating Senior Survey.

- The committee discussed the status of assessment plans for the Entrepreneurship Certificate, the Certificate in Digital Storytelling, and Sports Law Certificate.
- Debriefing on Peer Review Working Seminar held on November 9, 2012
  - The theme for the peer review session was “Talk About Results.” The focus for peer group sessions was on how the reports provide evidence that is useful and what improvements to programs and student learning are suggested by the data in the reports. Attendees were assigned to tables of five based on commonality in assessment. (For example, attendees from graduate programs will be assigned to the same table.)
  - Committee members concurred that the session was responsive to feedback received after peer review sessions were held last year. During the informal luncheon between sessions, the Student Experience at Marquette posters were displayed. Plans are in place for sharing feedback regarding table discussions with the PALS.
- Discussion around the procedural issues to resolve in upcoming meetings including: role of committee in reviewing changes to existing assessment plans; “posting” of assessment reports with fewer than 5 students; and assessment results to external audiences.

***University Library Board — Heidi Wacker***

- Haven't met yet