



## **GSO Committee Meeting Notes, October 2013**

The following is our October update from our GSO student representatives to our faculty committees on campus. The purpose of having a graduate representative on our committees is to represent you, Marquette graduate students and to inform you to what is happening within the university.

If you have any questions or concerns about a particular committee, please do not hesitate to contact the Graduate Student Organization at [gso@marquette.edu](mailto:gso@marquette.edu).

### **1. Financial Planning and Review Committee, Representative Arthur Mueller**

- Reviewed general financial health of the Marquette University
- Proceeded with planning and preparation for the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

### **2. University Board on Graduate Studies, Representative Kelsey Otero**

- Discussion and vote on new Periodontics MS proposal in the Dental School
  - Agreement that there is a need from an educational standpoint, research standpoint, and in the community
  - Board approved the motion
  - Will go to the University Academic Senate agenda for approval
- Programs and enrollment
  - Sub-committee looking into certificate and professional masters programs
  - Preliminary findings to be shared at November's meeting
- UBGS procedures
  - Revisions proposed to committee qualifications changed to include faculty and staff that contribute to graduate programs
  - New wording approved by committee members via email; will be sent to UAS for approval
- Strategic planning
  - Focus on evaluation mechanisms
  - Emphasis on collaboration and work between different departments and schools
  - Discussions on how to achieve this will be continued at next meeting

### **3. The Committee on Academic Policies and Issues, Representative Jakob Rinderknecht**

- Its major business was to review the university's Dean Search Protocol Document, a process which remains ongoing. In addition, the committee discussed its role in the university and emphasized that business relating to academic policies may be referred

to the committee in a variety of ways. One of these is by referral from students or faculty. Should there be issues which I should be raising at the committee on behalf of graduate students, I would be happy to do so and I encourage members of GSO to send them my way.

#### **4. Library Committee, Representative Heidi Wacker**

- No comments to share at this time.

#### **5. The Committee on Diversity and Equality, Representative Dan Garcia**

- ☒ Response to HLC meeting
  - HLC meeting uncovered many diversity and equality issues currently present at Marquette University
  - These issues could be brought to light through a University Climate Study
- ☒ Marquette Climate Study
  - Per the recommendation of the Committee on Diversity and Equity, with the support of the Provost, Marquette will explore undertaking a Climate Study
  - The Committee established a Subcommittee to explore the instrumentation, design, costs, and topics that will be covered by the Climate Study
- ☒ Upcoming Brainstorming Sessions to identify the diversity issues from Student and Faculty perspectives
  - Divided into 3 sessions
    - ☒ Student session on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm. Location: TBD
    - ☒ Faculty session TBD. Location: TBD
    - ☒ Follow-up Session with both Faculty and Staff: TBD (during Spring semester)
  - Student session will be facilitated by current students. No faculty/staff will be in attendance. This will provide a safe environment for students to express their thoughts, feelings, and issues surrounding diversity on Marquette's campus.

#### **6. Committee on Teaching, Representative Kathleen Hazlett**

- Way Klinger Teaching Enhancement Award announcement has gone out to the university
- Discussed goals for the COT for the upcoming year
  - Numerous committee members checked with their respective colleges since the previous meeting to assess what issues faculty found to be most important.
  - Determined that our key priority will be to work towards developing methods of improving teaching that will lead to enhancement of student learning specifically.
    - Discussed what “good teaching” and “learning” really mean and how we can assess them.

## 7. University Academic Senate, Representative James Lamb

- Chairperson's Report
- Higher Learning Commission Visit- Dr. Gary Meyer
  - 10 years ago, HLC suggested Marquette could improve on shared governance
  - Recent policies where the Senate has made strong contributions:
    - Grading deadlines
    - Requirement that syllabi must be on D2L
    - Rules regarding exams on days w/ bad weather
- Provost's Report- Dr. Margaret Callahan
  - Grad & Undergrad enrollment numbers look "strong"
    - Graduate School of Management enrollment is down, slack picked up by other grad programs
- Strategic Planning- Mr. Tom Ganey, VP of Planning
  - 7-Year Plan w/ 6 goals
  - 1<sup>st</sup> reports from Strategic Planning "goal stewards" included in University News Briefs week of 9/16/2013
  - The colleges are working to align their specific plans w/ University-wide strategic plan
  - Full strategic plan mailed to presidents and provosts at top 100 *U.S. News & World Report* universities, Jesuit/Big East peers, Milwaukee and Catholic influencers
- University Board of Undergraduate Studies- Dr. James Richie → Statute Revision Proposal
- Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement- Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp
  - Would put us in "a category of institutions we aspire to be in"
  - Reasons for pursuing Carnegie Classification:
    - This type of certification, this type of reporting, is useful in turning public opinion toward Marquette. Marquette does great work in Milwaukee, but the perception for many in Milwaukee is that Marquette is not active in community
      1. For people in the city of Milwaukee, accessing Marquette can be difficult
      2. Faith communities here do not necessarily view Marquette as a strong center of faith
    - This classification exercise, in itself, makes the university more focused on rewarding community engagement internally and connecting externally or people in the city of Milwaukee, accessing Marquette can be difficult.
  - This certification is a part of the Strategic Plan