

Attention graduate and professional students!

The following is our October 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***

- Discussed the restructuring process of student media

***Committee on Academic Policies and Issues—Aishwarya Shankar***

**10/10 meeting**

- Dr. James Courtright elected to Chair
- Strategic Planning – discussed with regard to stakeholders and what department and other to ‘become’ mission statement.
- Transfer Students – why is number down from last year?
- Disability Services: Issues discussed with regard to testing, timing, proctoring, foundations, scanning and copying, screen reading and font sizes. Also discussed federal guidelines as to what should be available.
- Jack Winters to report on Oct 25 meeting
- J Courtright to report on javascripting tests for access

**10/25 meeting**

- Jack Winters – report on D2L
- Discussed accessibility issues and usage of D2L by professors and students
- James Courtright – report on javascripting tests
- Discussion on Syllabi – How much of the syllabus of a course do students need to see before they enroll in classes on checkmarq? What are student expectations in this regard? Can professors deliver?

- Next meeting scheduled for November 29, 2012

### **Committee on Academic Technology —Maggie Cinto**

#### **9/28 meeting**

- Announcements
  - Ten smart classes have been updated
- Summary of E-Textbook Subcommittee work from AY2011-12
  - E-Textbooks may:
    - Provide more affordable options
    - Promote the use of technology in classes
  - Discussed the five big textbook companies
  - Discussed the differences between adaptive content and a copy of the book.
- Summary of Hardware/Software/Infrastructure Subcommittee work from AY2011-12
  - The Faculty Survey on Best Practices with Teaching with Technology was presented and discussed.
  - There will be a focus group of students this fall to further investigate the use of technology in classes.
- Agenda Themes
  - The committee discussed different themes for the AY2012-13 year.
  - There will be continued communication/discussion on these themes up until the next meeting, in which the themes will be decided.

#### **10/26 meeting**

- Information Items & Announcements
  - Discussed the launch of Windows 8 and Microsoft Office 2013 and how to best support staff and students.
- Student Needs for Technology
  - Discussed the needs of students for technology support and utilization for academic course requirements.
- Discussed possible ways of meeting the student needs for technology.
  - Survey staff & students on student needs for technology.
    - Please see information below.
- Committee on Academic Technology Effectiveness
  - Discussed how the committee can be more effective in its role, including provide input to and advise the Academic Senate and Administration.

### **Graduate Student Needs for Technology**

*The Committee on Academic Technology would like to gather information on the technology needs of graduate students. Please send Maggie Cinto an email at [marqaret.cinto@marquette.edu](mailto:marqaret.cinto@marquette.edu) with the needs you have as it pertains to technology in your graduate studies by 11/09/12.*

### ***Committee on Teaching —Matthew Costello 10/10***

- Dr. Heidi Schweitzer and Alex Wiley presented data on faculty evaluations, comparing paper to electronic evaluations. The big debate over this is that some professors prefer paper and give them in class, so most students fill something out. Electronic is more accessible and doesn't take time away from class, but does not drastically improve how many evaluations we receive. One idea was to bring electronic evaluations into class, asking the students to bring some electronic device to class and fill out the form that way. This might be one way to encourage good participation while collecting statistical data on a university-wide scale.
  - We also considered the format of the questions asked, whether or not these questions impacted student responses, and how valuable these evaluations are for professors seeking tenure.
- Applications for the **Way Klinger Enhancement Award** will start being accepted after November 1. The deadline will be around December 1. This award is given to a team of faculty that wishes to design a course that promotes high educational practices, undergraduate research, interdisciplinary work, and capstone projects. The lead applicant must be someone with a tenure track position; adjuncts or visiting professors may apply, but only as secondary applicants in unison with the tenured Marquette faculty member.

### ***Facilities Master Planning Committee—Katie Friesen***

- Continued to discuss the process for starting and developing master planning projects that deal specifically with facilities on campus. A draft flow chart was created and is under further review from the committee and university leadership.
- Discussed previous land acquisitions around the campus bubble and the impact on the university's relationship with neighbors and government entities.

### ***University Academic Senate—Greg Gillman***

- Branding Position Survey – Ms. Tricia Geraghty, Vice President for Marketing and Communication and Mr. Tom Pionek, Director of Interactive Marketing ([Presentation](#))
- Strategic Planning: Discussion of themes—Mr. Tom Ganey and Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp ([Presentation](#))
- Chairperson's Report – Dr. James South
  - Task force for Study of Shared Governance Update
- Provost's Report - Dr. John Pauly
  - Enrollment Update
  - Gifts update
  - HLC update – Gary Meyer
- Vice Chairperson's Report – Dr. Lea Acord

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

- Haven't met yet