Graduate Student Advisory Board

Sept. 29, 2009

Present: Dr. Jeff Breese, Terry Forge, Cody Batson, Lauren Spittler, Kate Edell, Chris Robl

1. Dr. Breese welcomed the students. Introductions were made.
2. Dr. Breese discussed the purpose of the Student Advisory Board and the role of the students.
3. As we went around the room, the students discussed new business happening in their departments.
4. For next meeting, Dr. Breese asked students to check around with classmates to see if there is anything the students would like to see improved, what they like about their respective programs, what they dislike. It was agreed the meetings would not be a gripe session.
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Forge

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Present: Lauren Spittler, John Dritley, Chris Robl, Kate Edell, Dwight Goldman, Terry Forge, Dr. Jeff Breese

Absent: Cory Batson, Sarah Sanderman, Andrew Berding

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

1. Dr. Breese welcomed the students and invited them to enjoy pizza, cookies and soft drinks.
2. Dr. Breese asked the graduate students feedback advising information sent out. Discussion took place.
3. Discussion regarding advising in the Graduate Programs. PT students were very positive about their advising; OT not much advising—did not know who their advisor was; M.Ed. first meeting upon entering program—not much afterwards; CSD knew who their advisor was, but had not met with them. M.Ed. students do receive a degree audit, but other grad programs had never seen one.
4. Discussion took place regarding monies for conferences that students are attending. Is there more monies available?
5. Discussion of anniversaries of programs in GPS.
a. CSD – 10 years
b. OT – 15 years
c. PT – 25 years

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ms. Terry Forge
Director of Advising for GPS

GRADUATE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Present: Dwight Golman, Lauren Spittler, John Dritley, Dr. Jeff Breese, Terry Forge

Absent: Edwin Gentry; Kate Edell

1. Dr. Breese welcomed all students and opened the meeting at 4:35 pm.
2. Dr. Breese asked the students for feedback on their departments.
   a. John Dritley brought forward issues/suggestions from Chris Robl and PT
      i. Parking fees after 5:00. Could there be free parking? It could be a problem for
         single females after dark. Possibility of graduated parking fees. Terry Forge
         reminded the students that security is available for escorts to and from parking
         lot.
      ii. IPAD for textbooks as an option to buying books.
      iii. Dr. Breese talked about the federal regulations changing this summer and the
           bookstore will have to list all books for classes with ISBN numbers
      iv. More books will be web-based
      v. Since we have such a long break between fall and spring, it was suggested that
         instructors could possibly send out early reading assignments.
      vi. Lab supplies seem to be disappearing.
   b. Lauren Spittler brought issues/suggestions from CSD
      i. The CSD Department has switched to no capstone and will have a proposal
         instead for Research I & II.
         1. Mixed feelings from students
         2. Students were not consulted which has caused some stress
         3. Ten students are going to carry through with their research because
            they feel it will benefit them with possibilities of presenting at
            conference(s) and on their resumes.
ii. A couple of CSD students will be presenting at the State Conference in April. Dr. Breese asked how many students would be attending. It is believed that only about four students will be attending due to the travel expenses.

c. Dwight Goldman brought issues/suggestions from Education
   i. It is exciting to have Middle School Math certification.
   ii. Dr. Breese let him know that Special Education is also in the trenches and that there will probably be two new faculty members in Education for Fall.

3. Dr. Breese made a general announcement regarding the new Criminal Justice program for undergraduates in the Fall. He invited the students to pass the word and let them know they are welcome to attend presentations for the Director candidates.

4. Terry Forge announced that she will be presenting at the next Advisory Board meeting in April on the Advising Task Force and movements on advising here at Rockhurst.

5. Dr. Breese adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Forge

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2010

Present: Lauren Spittler, Dr. Jeff Breese, Terry Forge

Absent: Edwin Gentry; Kate Edell, Cody Batson, Dwight Goldman

1. Dr. Breese welcomed all students and opened the meeting at 4:35 pm.
2. Dr. Breese asked the students to e-mail Terry Forge if they were interested in continuing on the board next year.
3. Dr. Breese asked the students to report on their departments:
   a. Lauren reported on CSD. Electives for second year students who were undergraduates at Rockhurst have not been changed which leaves some of the second year students not being full time. If students are not full time, it will affect their health insurance. Dr. Breese announced that there is a search for Dr. Solomon’s position.
   b. John Dritley reported all is well with the DPT program. He did suggest that there needed more electrical outlets ordered for student computers. There also needs to be a shout out for Security. They do a fabulous job.
4. Graduate Assistantships should be referred to Maureen McKinnon in the Financial Aid office.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Forge

School of Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS)

Graduate Student Advisory Board

September 20, 2010

4:30-5:30 pm

VA 219

Present: Colin Chambers, Claire Dunford, Jon Dritley, Lauren Spittler, Leslie Taylor, Dwight Goldman, Dr. Breese, Terry Forge

Absent: Kate Edell, Laura Roeder, Chris Robl

1. Introductions
2. Welcome from Dr. Breese and discussion about the board and their purpose.
3. Organizational Chart passed out.
4. Graduate Student Fee Fund
   a. Handout—Policy for fees being used
   b. Discussion of what the fees are used for
5. Centennial Weekend—Open House in the GPS Office, Suite 300
   a. 4:00-6:00 pm, Friday, Sept. 24, 2010
6. Dean’s office hours—Sept. 29 from 4:00-5:00 pm in VA 300
7. Council of Graduate Schools—Dr. Breese will be attending in Washington, DC
8. Financial Aid Office Communication
9. Course number changes should be communicated to students
10. Calendar—don’t like short breaks
11. Summer 5-week session tough for Education classes
12. Wrap-Up—Next meeting will be November 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Forge

GPS DEAN’S

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Present: Leslie Taylor, Claire Dunford, Lauren Spittler, Cassandra Laas, Natalie Lewis, Colin Chambers, Terry Forge, Jeff Breese
Absent: Chris Robl, Dwight Goldman, Jon Dritley

Guests: Matt Quick and Sandy Waddell

1. Introductions and welcome

2. Dr. Quick (matthew.quick@rockhurst.edu) and Mrs. Waddell (sandy.waddell@rockhurst.edu) talked about Student Development. What ways are you being served as graduate students and what could be better?
   a. Health insurance extended to graduate student
   b. Counseling Center hours extended
   c. Coming to orientation advantageous.
      i. Word of mouth best not e-mails (do not read Rockhurst e-mails)
      ii. Too many e-mails
      iii. Don’t understand that the e-mails pertain to graduate students
      iv. PT--Dr. McKiernan blogs with students letting them know what is pertinent
      v. OT newsletter for alums not current students
      vi. Best way to contact OT students is to let Cassandra Laas social chair for OT and she let’s students know
      vii. Katie Ryan is the SOTA advisor, meets once a month as a class and SOTA meets once a month
      viii. NSHLA group—Lynn Drazinski is advisor; Anything pertinent is distributed through Dr. Koch on e-mails
   d. Sandy Waddell discussed services available
      i. Counseling Center
      ii. Career Services—Education and CSD connect; OT and PT do not
      iii. Retention Office
      iv. Access Services
      v. Residence Life
1. If opportunity to live on campus was an option, Leslie would have. However, she did not know she was accepted until 3 days before semester started. Was told housing not available for graduate students.

2. CSD has a couple of students living in THV.

3. Education never heard about anything, but most M.Ed. students are established and local.

4. Dr. Breese would like Residence Life to connect with Chairs of Graduate Programs.

vi. Health Insurance

1. Incredible insurance for graduate students.

2. Goppert great.

vii. Minimum number of hours for insurance. CSD has 8 hours in Spring semester, do they qualify for health insurance?

viii. Rock@alerts

1. Some problems with delay on school closing to some.

ix. Food service

1. Expensive

2. Coffee services—terrible—never get the same thing

x. Athletics, work out, etc.

1. Workout room
   a. Only one shower

2. Better communication for athletic events

xi. Financial Aid

1. Have no idea what they are doing—process is foreign

2. Not a lot of support from Financial Aid—one area not happy at Rockhurst

xii. Campus Ministry

1. Need to be involved
Further Comments:

PT missed out with only half day orientation and it is only the department. Secretary told them that housing was not available.

M.Ed. does not have an orientation.

OT has some departments come to orientation.

CSD had some departments come to orientation.

Social for Graduate Students after Fall semester starts.

Students were asked to go to cafeteria, pub, etc. for price shopping. Students were also asked to come with suggestions for Graduate Fall Social.

Students would like Terry to put together a graduate newsletter.

Next meeting is Monday, April 4 from 4:30-5:30 pm in VA 219. Pizza will be served and Angela Karlin, Director of Financial Aid, will be our guest.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terry Forge