Graduate Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Van Wormer, 220 (In Person)

TOPIC	Synopsis of discussion
OPENING DISCUSSION COMMITTEE	The committee opened with a welcome from Dean Ward. Committee members introduced themselves again (in person) and asked to share an interesting fact. This was the first in person meeting since Spring 2020.
	Meeting Minutes from August were approved.
	The agenda proceeded with the first topic.
Name Change Request: Graduate School Dean Ward	Dean Ward presented a request to change the name of the <i>Graduate School</i> to <i>Graduate College</i> . The proposal was shared with the graduate council and can be found in the saved materials for reference (Teams).
	Questions from the committee included: impact on financial model, impact on policy and procedures, impact on graduate faculty standing, and if this reclassification will open more opportunities. The committee also asked about the process in regards to the Board of Trustees, need to come back to this question once more information is determined.
	The committee also requested more information regarding the reason for this change, information for themselves and information for those who will be asking why the change was made, such as faculty.
	Name Change Approved – Graduate College
OPEN DISCUSSION	The committee opened for further discussion on the topics below:
	 Think Tank – how to celebrate student accomplishments September 28, 2:30pm – 4:00pm
	 Think Tank – faculty and staff – community October 26, 10:00am – 11:30am faculty and staff – community
	 Innovation groups – opportunity to talk about strengths and thinking about the future
	Book groups – three books to choose from – link provided
	Presidential Fellowship discussion

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Attendees: Rose Marie Ward, Gian Andrea Rassati, Gibin Raju, Flavia Bastos, Shauna Acquavita, Sarah Jackson, Ana Hincapie, Molly McDermott, Kristen Kalsem, Rhonda Brown, Michael Brubaker, Olivier Parent, Ron Debry, Quinn Patrick Ankrum, Ted Baldwin, Roger Worrell, Claudia Rebola, Gary Dick