

Graduate Administrators' Council (GAC)
Minutes for Thursday, January 29, 2015
Koch Hall Board Room
9:00 am to 10:30 am

Attendees Robert Wojtowicz, Chair,

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- ODU's presence in the entrepreneurial community and establishing an innovation center or an incubator space connected with Continuing Education. The business gateway is being modeled after the University of Central Florida which has 55,000 students. He described the business gateway as a startup venture in the beginning stages.
- x Mr. Kaszubowski further shared that he would represent ODU from the outside, whereas Nancy Grden would represent ODU from the inside. He stressed the importance of developing local talent, stating we rely too much on the military. He believes that the best way to learn entrepreneurship is by doing it.
 - x There is a plan to conduct an open house for the program. Mr. Kaszubowski will let Council know when it is scheduled.
 - x Dr. Souza expressed concern about the importance of communication between administration and faculty. Administration creates something and faculty are not included in the process. There should be some incentive to the faculty to encourage participation.

- x It was also mentioned that there needs to be support, a “charge” from the top of the organization, to facilitate a change in attitudes.

Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2015 Meeting

- x Minutes approved as submitted. was requested to change a line item on the agenda

Fields of Study

- x Dr. Wojtowicz provided Council with a proposed “Fields of Study” listing for the ODU website. He asked for Council to review the proposed list and provide feedback to him or to Missy Barber. Judy Bowman and Dr. Wojtowicz have been working to reduce the number of headings and creating categories that make sense. The purpose of the fields of study listing is to make it easier for students to find programs they may be looking for.
- x It was noted that Counseling needs to be added to the “Education” field of study.

Subcommittee Reports

Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Subcommittee

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Graduate College –Planning Committee

- x Dr. Wojtowicz shared with Council that a committee had been formed to explore the creation of a graduate school. The committee will report to the Provost. They have already had their first meeting.
- x Dr. Wojtowicz said that there was good discussion ~~in a~~ meeting. The main theme was that there should be support instead of policies. Other discussion items included a CGS report on different models of graduate schools, characteristics of a good graduate program, and common complaints. Council was provided an abbreviated set of minutes. Dr. Wojtowicz said that he would continue to provide updates on the committee's progress.