**Minutes from Graduate College Council (GCC) meeting on Oct 10th, 2022**

Meeting called to order 3:30 PM

Paul Laux; Delight Morehead; Lea Asti; Thanduanlung Kamei; Constantin Bacuta; Andrew Teplyakov; Amy Griffin; Jesus Botello; Nigel Caplan; Lindsay Naylor; Mary Martin; Joanne Miller; Ismat Shah; Ikramul Huq; Emily Davis; Veer Nair; James Korman; Cynthia Rechsteiner; Samatha Akridge; Myae Han; Ramona Neunuebel; Siyan Wang; Shannon Robson; Bernadette Racicot; Suprawee Tepsuporn; Laura Desimone; Carolina Williams; Elise Corbin; Kelli Kerbawry; Rebecca Pompon; Ryan Zurakowski; Maria Purciello; Joseph Fox; Kwansa; Margaret Werth; Michael Michaud; Danilo Yanich; Greg Kane; Mark Blenner; Marlaina Kloepfer; Dean Rossi; Provost Carlson; Aviva Heyn; Jeff Buler; Barbara Settles; Samuel Lee; LaRuth McAfee; Bill Repetto; Deb Jaisi

Dean Lou Rossi’s Report:

* Recruit and retention (Katie Morrison as new assistant dean)
* Graduate housing market: short and long-term: study continues to the 2-mile radius and taking into account of the number of graduate students in the university. Students having children (which range from 200 to 400 at UD) will particularly benefit and require prioritization.
* Explained the reason for the higher credits with the number of graduate students being constant: Credits taken by self-paying students increased by more than 8%.
* UD minimum stipend for the 9-month contract of $21,000 is comparable to competitive institutions.

Provost Carlson’s points:

* Highlighted her role as a champion of graduate education at Notre Dame.
* It is possible to grow even in a resource-limited environment through cooperation and collaboration among different units of a university.
* On the question on Newark DE being impacted heavily by inflation (preliminary report of the working group in graduate funding), some of the ideas that the provost pointed were insurance subsidies, seeking not all size fits into one model, incentivizing to students joining UD, and seeking what it takes for them to be successful from the beginning.

October GSG student caucus update:

GSG student caucus met with Dean Rossi about the new graduate student space. Three working committees (student life committee, grad parental/caretaking support group, and grad stipend working group) are active. The mental health committee is exploring the importance of the sense of community to improve well-being and exploring the university-wide student mentoring program (similar to EmPOWER). The diversity committee is exploring grad students participating in the shared governance initiatives.

A call for graduate students and faculty who might be interested in joining any of the family-friendly policies was made as the current size is small and good to be a larger and more representative body on the committee.

New business item on the floor:

Ombudsman as an advocate. Need for someone out of the department as a neutral body who can listen to and seek informal resolution of concerns. This need was noted by many graduate students in the survey a few years back and was approved by the faculty senate last year.

Meeting adjourned at 04:36 PM