Professional and Graduate Student Coordinating Committee
Minutes of December 8, 2016

Present: Joseph Fox, Business; Brian Kahler, Business; Ed Borbely, Engineering; Claire Fortenberry, Engineering; Elizabeth Walsh, Law; Danielle Bristow, Social Work; Amanda Holmes, Social Work; Elaine Flynn, Arts &Sciences; Mary Campbell, Real Estate, ex officio; Alexandra Kean, Graduate Student Representative to Trustees, ex officio; Wei Zhu, Graduate Student Representative to Trustees, ex officio; Bryan Lenz, Recreation Center, ex officio; Alan Glass, Student Health Services, ex officio; Ashley Macrander, Graduate School, ex officio;

Assistant Dean Ashley Macrander called the meeting to order on December 8, 2016 at 3:01pm, in The Graduate School Conference Room, Cupples II 221. Dean Macrander welcomed everyone and invited those present to introduce themselves.

The committee considered and approved the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting of the Professional and Graduate Student Coordinating Committee.

Report of Committee Chair
Assistant Dean Macrander reported on behalf of Dean William Tate in his absence.

Report of Associate Vice Chancellor for Real Estate
As a follow-up to the report Mary Campbell discussed her recent trip to Stanford University in relation to graduate student housing and plans for WUSTL to open a similar multipurpose space at the Lewis Center.

Report of Graduate Professional Council President
Josh Chen, Vice President for Community Service, reported on behalf of Haley Dolosic, President of GPC. The GPC is continuing to build relationship across campus through a new liaison position initiative. There will be continued interdisciplinary collaboration through 2 rotating mixers happening in the spring. A cross cultural exchange grant is being introduced for cross cultural exchange. In addition, there will be GPC-hosted dialogues with students to allow them more interaction with and knowledge about GPC. A joint GSS and GPC committee is being convened to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of unionization. Finally, the Holiday Party and Parabola were successful.

Report of Graduate Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees
Alexandra Keane and Wei Zhu reported on the December meeting of the Board of Trustees. The BOT meeting focused primarily on the undergraduate student population with emphasis on curriculum, student experience, and ranking improvement. There will be a tuition change next year as well.

Report of Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives
James Parker reported on Student Affairs divisions and strides being made for graduate students. He discussed a strategic plan and its focus that relate to Graduate and Professional students. There will be an annual survey as a tangible way to gauge student satisfaction. In addition, he reported on the Election Committee and the November 9th and Beyond initiative that is in conjunction with the Gephartd Institute for Civic and Community Engagement. It is an initiative with programming from Election to Inauguration to increase student understanding.

Report of Director of Student Health Services
Dr. Alan Glass reported on the JED Foundation and WUSTL’s recent site visit from the foundation. There are certain criteria that were reviewed by JED including policy systems, system planning, student wellness, mental health/substance abuse disorder services. There were recommendations that are to be implemented based on the feedback from JED.

**Report from Director of Recreation/Associate Athletic Director**

Bryan Lenz reported on the new Recreation Center and graduate student usage. As of December 1, 2016 all WUSTL degree-seeking students have access to the recreation center. There have been approximately 6,000 unique students entering the center in 5.5 weeks since its opening. This has exceeded initial expectations. There will be expansion of programs such as fitness classes and there will also be a family day at the rec center.

Assistant Dean Macrander adjourned the meeting at 3:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda C. Holmes