

GPC Meeting
January 23, 2015, 9:00 am
Cater-Mattil 124B

Members Present: G. Acuff, S. Riechman, S. Talcott, N. Turner, C. Allred, K. de Ruiter

Members Absent: R. Chapkin, E. Castell-Perez, E. Murano, C. Wu

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from November meeting
2. Welcome of new/returning members – Gary Acuff and Steve Riechman
3. Dr. Stephen Talcott was selected as the new FSTC chair of the GPC.
4. Update on GRE search
 - a. The department purchased a list of 504 potential nutrition/food science students from GRE Search for recruitment purposes. K. de Ruiter emailed all of these students in December. One of these students has applied for a food science PhD. This student's application has been sent to the food science admissions committee for review.
 - b. Next year the GRE Search list should be purchased at an earlier date so students can be contacted before the early application deadline.
5. Update on possible training grant funding mechanisms
 - a. NIH has the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant with a category of Food and Nutrition. The closing date for this application is January 7, 2017. <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=249041>
 - b. The committee asked K. de Ruiter to search for 2 or 3 other training grants that might be available so a committee can decide how to proceed.
6. Updates
 - a. Annual Evaluation forms for graduate students are due March 30.
 - b. The College of Ag still has recruitment travel funds available if any faculty members wish to bring in a potential graduate student for a campus visit.
 - c. The College of Agriculture has committed 1 million dollars to fund new graduate research assistantships. An estimated 40 to 50 new graduate students may be funded through this. In order to receive some of these funds the department will be making a proposal to the college on how any received money would be spent. This could potentially give the department funding for up to 7 more graduate research assistantships per year.
7. Identification of priority issues to be addressed this spring
 - a. A proposed date for the next graduate faculty meeting is May 6 at 9:30 am.
 - b. Non-thesis NUTR MS
 - c. Sub-committees need to determine action items to be voted on by faculty. The GPC needs to give thought to priority issues for subcommittee discussion.
 - d. Should the GPC sometimes have separate meetings for FSTC and NUTR members?
 - e. Possible FSTC curriculum review
 - f. Monthly meeting time needs to be set.