

GPC Meeting
March 31, 2016, 9:00 am
Cater-Mattil 124B

Members Present: E. Castell-Perez, R. Chapkin, N. Turner, C. Wu, B. Chew, S. Talcott, K. de Ruiter

Members absent: G. Acuff, C. Gomes, E. Murano, S. Riechman

Agenda

1. February meeting minutes approved.
2. Old business
 - a. K. de Ruiter will be meeting with Rafael Almanzar, Graduate Advisor for Biochemistry, on April 14 to get more information about the Biochemistry Department's graduate program; specifically information about recruitment, admissions, and preproposal. Rafael may be invited to the next GPC meeting in May.
3. Department Review
 - a. GPC members have received a copy of the department's Academic Program Review Self Study.
 - b. A schedule of the department review will be sent out soon. Committees will be scheduled time to interact with the review team.
4. Nutrition Core Courses
 - a. The Nutrition Graduate Curriculum Committee is still working to develop recommended core courses. Once a draft of the courses has been completed and approved by the GPC it can go to the full nutrition graduate faculty for input/consideration. The GPC would like to consider a team-taught format for the new courses.
 - b. Some courses that have not been taught in several years may be revived now that the department has new nutrition faculty members.
 - c. A copy of projected teaching schedules for the next several years would be helpful to the GPC in determining which courses will be taught and which ones should be removed from the handbook.
5. Other new business
 - a. There is a need for a full graduate faculty meeting to get B. Chew to share his vision for the department. A good time for a meeting may be late summer or early fall semester.
 - b. B. Chew suggested possibly organizing a mini-workshop or focus group – one on academic programs and one on research.
 - c. The next GPC meeting will be scheduled for May.