

Agenda- PhD Committee meeting

June 1, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 am

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1. Updates
 - a. Capstone workshop on Monday, June 5
 - b. TA training and support meeting
 - c. Office space in basement- any news from Wolf?
 - d. Funding request for PhD program miscellaneous items
2. Old business
 - a. Funding ideas- see below
 - b. Course committees- see below
3. New business:
 - a. Plan for funding allocation
 - b. Student survey- please come with ideas of what we should include
 - c. Committee membership next year- who goes off, who comes on
 - d. Employment seminar
 - e. Updating student handbook
4. Executive session- student reps asked to leave

2a. Funding ideas

We left the April meeting with several ideas to bring up to Resat and Advancement. These are outlined in Vanessa's email (Apr 14) and include inviting PhD students to attend and even speak at donor activities and to the Jackson School board. Some discussion ensued via email, in which the general idea was not to ask for PhD students as TA's to task force classes, but perhaps one TA as an organizer for the task force program. Also the idea was presented for Title VI centers to include a line for a policy RAship in their next applications. Sabine and Christian brought this up at the Chairs/Dirs meeting on Apr 18.

This item was tabled in the May meeting because Sabine and Christian weren't present. The same discussion can continue at the June meeting. I would hope that we can come up with a plan for how to move forward on some of our funding ideas.

2b. Course committees

At the May meeting, we decided to create committees for each of the PhD required courses (594, 595x3, SMS, PVS, RCC, LRG). Stephen Meyers will draft the terms of reference for these committees. I'll present this at the June faculty meeting to request comments and encourage participation. After that, we can make it happen.