

Agenda- PhD Committee meeting

May 4, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 am

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1. Updates

- a. Admissions and acceptances
- b. External funding – 2 Fritz, 1 SSRC (1 qtr each)
- c. General exam results
- d. Students invited to end of year reception
- e. Example prospectus' posted on catalyst
- f. No CAS funding info yet- will need extra meeting

2. Old business

- a. Assessments
Funding ideas- see below
- b. Covering required courses- see below

3. New business:

- a. Plan for next month meeting- with 3 student reps
- b. Student survey
- c. TA training and support
- d. Non-academic jobs series- see forwarded email 4/7/17
- e. Office space
- f. Buddy system for incomings?

2b. Funding ideas

We left last meeting with several ideas to bring up to Resat and Advancement. These are outlined in Vanessa's email (Apr 14). 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.

2c. Covering required courses

During the April meeting we discussed creating course committees, similar to what the Curriculum Committee is doing for the 200 series. There appeared to be general agreement to move in this direction. Comments were to: have rotating membership to keep from getting stale, that each committee could solicit new members, field seminar committees could decide on the core readings for each class and the extent to which the committee versus the individual instructor will control the syllabus each year, and that it would be good for all field seminar committees to meet once a year and the same for all RT committees.

At this meeting, it would be good to decide on: if we want to implement the committees, what will be their responsibilities, and how to get them started/populated.

PhD Classes 2017-2018

- 594- Saadia Pekkanen
- RT fall- Nathalie Williams
- RT winter- **Clark Sorenson**
- RT spring- Jeff Begun
- LRG- Stephen Meyers
- PVS- Daniel Bessner
- SMS- Scott Radnitz or Robert Pekkanen
- RCC- Vanessa Freije

Existing course committees:

- RCC: Cabeiri Robinson, Jim Wellman, Christian Novetzke

People who have taught field seminars in the past:

SMS: Robert Pekkanen, Edgar Kiser (**SOC**), Scott Radnitz, Scott Radnitz or Robert Pekkanen

LRG: Hilary Soderland (**LAW**), Hilary Soderland (**LAW**), Stephen Meyers, Stephen Meyers

PVS: Daniel Chirot, Daniel Bessner, Daniel Chirot, Daniel Bessner

RCC: Jim Wellman, Christian Novetzke, Christian Novetzke, Vanessa Freije

594: Saadia Pekkanen, Resat Kasaba, Saadia Pekkanen, Resat Kasaba

595 Research design: Saadia Pekkanen, Saadia Pekkanen, Saadia Pekkanen, Nathalie Williams

595 Qual: Saadia Pekkanen, Steve Pfaff (**SOC**), Steve Pfaff (**SOC**), Steve Pfaff (**SOC**), Clark Sorenson

595 Quant: Matthew Barreto, Nathalie Williams, Nathalie Williams, Jeff Begun