University Senate Budget Committee Meeting
March 21st 2018 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Unil Perera at 1:32

Present were: James Weyhenmeyer, Sara Rosen, Sally Wallace, Michael Eriksen, Joe Patterson, Jacqueline Laures-Gore, Kinsuk Maitra, Jennifer Jones, Saeid Belkasim, Michael Harker, Eddy Nahmias, Unil Perera, Rose Sevcik, Erin Ruel, Janice Byrd, Jani Faison, Chris Goode, Lisa Armistead, Denise Jenkins,

WebEx Attendees included: Lakeyta Bonnette, Jess Cino, Josh Hinkle, Bala Ramesh, Jowanna Tillman, Ciara Smalls Glover

Planned on the agenda was approval of the February 21st minutes, Dr. Lisa Armistead (Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, Subcommittee updates, and Old/New Business.

Update from Retirement Subcommittee —The retirement committee provided a draft report to Robert Elmore discussing the TRS and ORP retirement plans. The report covered inequities between the two retirement plans.

A presentation was held by Dr. Lisa Armistead, Associate Provost for Graduate Programs. Dr. Armistead presented a Graduate Student report discussing graduate programs, graduate student stipend information, and graduate student initiatives.

The average graduate student monthly funding is $1,242 (up $72) and about 2,912 (44% of graduate population) students are funded each month. Total funding for graduate student funding is $3,480,249 and is up $85,000 from last year. The $3,000 cap on monthly funding has been removed from graduate student funds.

Graduate student funds come from external and internal funding sources. External funds include: Grants (20%) and Other External Sources (3%). Internal funds include: RPE/AoF/ 2CI (13%), Research (17%), Instruction (37%), Non-Academic (3%), and Other Internal Sources (7%).

In 2017, graduate students received individual awards from the following sources: NSF(4), NRSA Pre-Doc(3), Boren (1), Fulbright(1), Boren(1), Inst. Of Peace (1) In total, graduate students received 11 individual awards for 2017.

Current Graduate Student Initiatives include: New Student Orientation (August 8, 2018), Support for Scholarly Writing (Graduate Student Write-In and Shut-Up and Write Sessions), Fellowship Information Sessions, Provost Dissertation Program, Library Dissertation Travel Awards, Graduate Student Appreciation Week (Career and Communication Webinar Series), Dissertation Workshops (Fall 2018), and 2nd Annual Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) Competition.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31.

Respectfully submitted by Keneta Wright Brooks.