

## Graduate Student Employment Committee (GSEC)

Minutes of September 27, 2017 meeting

GSEC Attendees: students: Carver, Elkind, Faith, Henderson, Kelly, Lingo, Mobley, White, Faculty/admin: Thaggert, Tranel, Keller  
Absent: Student DuBose

Also attending: Students: Jerkovich, Sharma, guests: Jorgensen, Welter.

- 1). Welcome and Introductions of the GSEC members were made.
- 2). Keller provided background information regarding the recent history of the COGS-UI/BOR relationship and the rationale for the committee. Elkind and Kelly provided additional information regarding the current role of COGS at the UI.
- 3). The description of the charter committee was distributed and discussed. Several students noted that the distributed description was not current. A current version of the committee's charter is presented in the proposed message to campus (see agenda item 3).
- 4). The committee had a general discussion about the role of the committee, next steps and future agenda items.
  - Future meeting times were discussed, with concern that a "regular" set meeting time may interfere with TA and/or RA duties and preclude participation by some committee members. It was agreed to have meetings on a monthly basis. Keller agreed to distribute a doodle-pad announcement for scheduling the next meeting, recognizing that schedules are likely to be fluid.
  - It was decided that a campus-wide message describing the committee would be appropriate. Kelly and Keller agreed to draft a message for the GSEC to review at its next meeting.
  - The committee also discussed the need to survey current students as to their interests and priorities for the committee's consideration. Elkind mentioned that COGS had conducted such a survey prior to the most recent bargaining session last academic year. Keller suggested that information from this survey would be useful in helping the committee determine the direction of their efforts, rather than taking the time to develop and implement a new survey. Elkind and Kelly offered to share the survey and resulting data with the committee.
  - It was suggested that with graduate recruiting beginning in earnest this fall (for admission in fall 2018), it is imperative that a recommendation regarding an employment agreement for AY 2018-2019 be forwarded to central administration in the near future.
  - It was suggested that the roles of ex-officio members and guests be discussed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 pm in room 5 Callen conference room Gilmore Hall.

The Wikipedia definition of ex officio is provided below:

## Ex officio member

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An **ex officio member** is a member of a body (a board, committee, council, etc.) who is part of it by virtue of holding another office. The term is [Latin](#), meaning literally "from the office", and the sense intended is "by right of office"; its use dates back to the [Roman Republic](#).

According to [Robert's Rules of Order](#), the term denotes only how one becomes a member of a body.<sup>[1]</sup> Participatory rights of ex officio members may or may not be limited by the body's regulations or bylaws. In some groups ex officio members may frequently abstain from voting. Unless regulations or bylaws constrain their rights, however, they are afforded the same rights as other members of the body, i.e., debating, proposing motions, voting, etc.<sup>[2]</sup>