



Assistant/Associate Graduate Director's Meeting

March 25, 2025

2:00 – 4:00 pm

College of Pharmacy, CLS 110

The Assistant/Associate Graduate Director's Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm in College of Pharmacy, CLS 110.

Present: Angela Baum, Robin Dawson, Lorne Hofseth, Trena Houp, Satish Jayachandran, Danny Jenkins, Dale Moore, Ben Roth, Steven Shapiro, Susan Steck, Angelina Sylvain, Kim Thompson, Paul Toriello, Jack Turner, Ann Vail, Tracy Weldon

Dean Ann Vail presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

The Graduate Student Experience

The Graduate Course, Grad Launch, has been submitted to the Graduate Curriculum Committees for consideration. If approved, this will be piloted this fall. This will be an 8-week course and students will earn 1 credit. The purpose of this course is to expand the onboarding experience.

Program Productivity

Trena Houp, Executive Director of Academic Program Planning and Decision Support, gave a presentation on Program Productivity. Trina works with program planning and decision support and helps oversee the whole curriculum approval process.

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International Student Update

Harlan Smith, Division of International Student and Scholar Support, Global Carolina shared a statement on concerns about our international students.

“We are following the rapidly evolving landscape closely. It is important to us that we offer not only timely, but accurate support. When federal agencies publish new information, we will communicate internally to our campus community. In the meantime, we are available to meet with students individually in ISSS.”

Data -Driven Decision Making

Dean Angelina Sylvain shared information on the 2024 Graduate Student Needs Assessment.

https://emailsc-my.sharepoint.com/personal/markeyc_mailbox_sc_edu/Documents/515files%20transferred/CBM/AssociateAssistant%20Grad%20Dean%20Council%20Mtg/03%20Mar%202025/2024%20Graduate%20Student%20Needs%20Assessment.pdf

Admitted Applicant Survey

https://analytics.sc.edu/#/workbooks/1340?:origin=card_share_link

2024 Graduate Student Needs Assessment

https://analytics.sc.edu/#/workbooks/1281?:origin=card_share_link

Graduate Council elections are coming up. There are 6 colleges that will be having elections.

We need help with committee work. We need 2 names for the Curriculum committee and 1 name for the Awards committee.

Kesha Clavon had 8 webinars for Admitted Graduate Students Week. There were 600 students registered for the webinars.

The Dissertation Writing Academy will be held in person on May 13 – 30. There will be an online session on June 9 – 27.

The Recognition Ceremony will be at the Columbia Convention Center on Friday, April 25th.

Doctoral Hooding will be held on Thursday May 8th at **9:00 am**. This is a change from 10:00 am time in the past.

Next meeting: April 22, 2025

Minutes by Cherrie Markey