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Updates from the University

• ASPIRE Funding
  • Program has buy-in from very high levels of administration
  • Don’t have specifics, but investigating multiple solutions for long term support

• A&S Info and Listening Sessions happened
  • Collect input on future improvements from students
  • Share information about the enhancements to graduate education so far (in collaboration with graduate programs and departments)

• Creation of Graduate Education Working Group
Info and Listening Sessions – some notes

- Low attendance - 😞
- What’s going on with TA/Instructor of record positions?
  - They will not be taken away
  - Goal: Balance need for professionalization with need to do research. Reach the best fit for each department.
- 5 year funding
  - Does not limit students to only five years, but guarantees five years
  - Goal: Remove funding stress/worry
- Card Swipe on Buttrick Lounge – Can’t b/c fire hazard
- Follow-up/additional conversation – group emails
- Anyone else have comments to share?
Graduate Education Working Group

- Provost Wente
  - Strategic Plan
  - Graduate Education Study Group
    - Report: A New Vision for Graduate Education at Vanderbilt
  - Dean Wallace
    - Graduate Education Working Group
      - Actionable Change!!
Ongoing Cases and Projects

• Union conversation
  • Responses to student questions – posted on website!

• GDI committee
  • Submitted proposal to expand VU-EDGE funding – see website
  • Holistic alternatives to GRE scores – in progress

• Ombudsman Proposal
  • Submitted! On website.

• Student Health Insurance
  • Making progress – developing a workshop

• Nominations for Graduate Education Working Group happening

• Student handbook!
  • Making great progress!! Sent out survey – please fill out!

• Updated website – it is really BA, go check it out, tell your peeps
Open Forum

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