

**Graduate Programs Council Meeting  
Minutes  
September 7, 2011**

Attendance: Marcia Blicharz, Jody Eberly, Susan Hydro, Jacqueline Norris, Shri Rao, Leslie Rice, Jean Slobodzian, Mark Woodford

1. New members were welcomed and introduced.
2. GPC's 2010-2011 year was reviewed (see handout outlining status of GPC work as of the end of Spring 2011).
3. Goals for the 2011-2012 year were discussed.
  - a. Exploration of a System to reach out to Cohorts of Graduate Students: Shri Rao discussed the need for coordinators and advisors to have the ability to reach out to particular cohorts of students. Right now there is no easy way to reach out only to a particular group of students. Susan Hydro suggested the possibility of inviting Libby Alcaro to a meeting to discuss this. Jean Slobodzian mentioned that the DHH program has a website that, while it doesn't allow a coordinator/advisor to email only a particular group of students, does allow the coordinator to upload information that is pertinent to specific groups. Susan Hydro mentioned that during focus groups last year, graduate students mentioned a need for a central place for advising information.
  - b. Word Press Workshop: The idea of having a Word Press workshop with Matt Winkle for all

coordinators was discussed as a possibility for GPC to coordinate this year.

- c. Review of Compensation of Graduate Assistantships: Susan Hydro suggested that this may be a good year for GPC to compare TCNJ compensation practices for Graduate Assistantships with other institutions.
- d. Parking for Comprehensive Exams: Shri Rao discussed the issue students have parking on Saturdays during Comprehensive Exams held in the Business Building and suggested this may be an issue for GPC to consider addressing.

#### 4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Shri Rao was elected as Chair and Susan Hydro as Vice-Chair for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

#### 5. Report From Susan Hydro, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Studies is finalizing fall admission now and will update us with numbers and statistics shortly. Hours enrolled is steadily increasing (projected 3900 hours this semester).

Susan invited GPC members to submit information for the fall issue of Graduate Studies newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Eberly