

## Graduate Affairs Committee Report-2010-2011

Once again the academic year was one of transition as the GAC operated under the direction of an interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, knowing that once a permanent VPAA is chosen the committee may face a new organizational system. However, operations ran quite smoothly because Interim VPAA Anne Thompson designated Interim Assistant VPAA John Kraft to serve as her liaison to work directly with the committee. This proved a workable alternative in lieu of a Dean of Graduate Studies and the committee was able to complete policy procedural changes and documents held over from last year. This included a review of the requirements and procedures for obtaining and maintaining Graduate Faculty Status and the committee bylaws. Now that these have been completed and accepted by the Faculty Senate, the GAC will be able to focus on its true mission, the welfare and success of our graduate students and the development of graduate programs.

The committee continued to review procedures for distributing and awarding Graduate Assistantships. The system of programs requesting GA positions from a committee composed of representatives of each college and chaired by Director of Operations, Enrollment Management, Melanie Mirande appears to be functioning smoothly. This year, a number of two-year GA positions were created to be used by various departments as recruiting tools. We still await direction from President Linda Bleicken on her ideas for the use of out-of-state tuition waivers before moving forward on the initiative begun two years ago.

Next year, the GAC will again spend more time preparing for SACS accreditation. The Substantive Level Review triggered by the new PhD in Physical Therapy went well with a successful committee visit in October and subsequent positive report. Now the work will turn to creating the Reaffirmation Report due in fall 2012 in preparation for the subsequent SACS visit.

Minutes of the GAC meetings can be found on the committee's web page at [http://www.armstrong.edu/Departments/faculty\\_senate/senate\\_minutes](http://www.armstrong.edu/Departments/faculty_senate/senate_minutes).

Respectfully submitted,



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