

Presidential Wrap-Up December 2015

December 1

- General Assembly Meeting

December 2

1. Transportation Services Advisory Council: feedback on plans for booting/towing changes, and non-payment of fines (use collection agency for non-campus visitors); bike plan update; fall 2016 bus route change update
2. Meeting with Dr. Pugh (Vice President for Student Affairs): discussion of how he can work with graduate students; communication of specific details for future graduate student space in new Cain Hall; talked about Grad Camp/how to find special funding for future director

December 3

- Graduate Council
 - Graduate distance education considerations: its.tamu.edu to update program site; registrar is official keepers of online programs and off-campus sites (request by Provost)
 - CourseLeaf changes: feedback for testing in progress; online approval for catalog items
 - Update on Standard Operating Procedures (approved last month) - change to deadlines; #11 will deal with January meeting (e-vote). Dr. Leonard Bright is new chair of GC as of January 1.
 - Course requests: Bush School special e-vote after regular GC meeting: new courses need list of available numbers (not used in previous 10 years, according to THECB)

December 4

- Strategic Communication Working Group: presentation by 160over90, to talk about plans for marketing and media

December 7

1. Dr. Bruce Herbert, OAK Fund: meeting to discuss possibility of creating a fund for graduate students to help pay for open-access journal fees; faculty have a fund currently, want to expand to graduate students
2. Graduate Operations Committee (Deans): Hard drop (for non-payment) date change; Update on Diversity; FY'16 College Allocation Update

December 8

1. President Young: discussion with student leaders about key issues
2. CLEAR Workshop: CLEAR (Consensual Language, Education and Relationships) gave presentation to GPSC group about consent, how to be an effective bystander, and resources on campus

December 10

- BUILD BoD Interviews: interviewing and selecting candidates for positions of CEO, CFO, COO

December 15

1. Student Life Studies: discussion of potential climate survey for GPSC to send to graduate students, addressing mental health and stress; GPSC can make actionable changes based on results
2. Outsourcing Group: met to discuss some key items brought up by GA (e.g., grounds/landscaping); learned about how outsourcing process works, much more efficient in past few years; would be willing to present to GA in spring
3. Dr. Butler-Purry: monthly meeting, discussion of items brought to attention by general assembly; planning for spring (3 Minute Thesis, Community of Scholars event)

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December 16

1. Step In. Stand Up. Meeting: update on timeline for spring (events, plans); how to move forward and continue making program successful
2. OGAPS Lunch: discussion and review of new document processing software, which will be launched sometime next year

December 17

- Campus Carry: update on subcommittees; review of dates and timeline to get recommendation to President Young

Have a wonderful break!

Best,
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