

Presidential Wrap-Up July 2015

July 1: Professional Development Steering Committee (OGAPS)

- Outlining the proposal to create Professional Development Certificate for graduate and professional students via G.R.A.D. Aggies

July 6: Dr. Karen Butler-Purry (OGAPS)

- Aggies Commit Fellowship: renewed for second year! Details forthcoming. Application will open in September.
- OGAPS orientations are August 21 & 28; I will sit on the graduate student panel and GPSC will have a resource table

July 7: Student Research Week Director Interviews (Round 1, phone)

July 8: Council of Principal Investigators (CPI)

- Vice President for Research, Dr. Glen Laine, gave a presentation:
 - Texas A&M did well during the legislative year, securing funds from the state legislature
 - IACUC/IRB training certificates will be valid for 5 years (extended from 3)
 - Human Research Protection program is accredited (AAHRPP)
 - Next public meeting is October 14

July 9: OGAPS Graduate Advisor Workshop/Resource Tabling

July 10: SRW Director In-Person Interviews (Final)

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- we selected our new SRW director, Allie Hardman!

July 13: Lunch with Joe Benigno, Student Body President

- We discussed our plans for the year, and ways we could have our organizations work together

July 15: PDSC

- OGAPS representative to attend GPSC retreat to present proposal for certificate program
- Program begins this fall: will have multiple levels and requirements; celebration in spring
- Accessible through eCampus

July 17: Rules & Regulations

- Review of student rule revisions, regarding graduate student examination evaluation disputes, graduate appeals panel, grade disputes, unauthorized absences, academic suspensions, and undergraduate appeals panel
- More information available upon request — there are a few hundred pages related to these rules
- Next meeting is August 21

July 18: GPSC Executive Committee Retreat, Part III and final!

- Discussed personal goals, as well as goals for the committee and each person's position
- Dr. Bloomfield from OGAPS presented G.R.A.D. Aggies certificate program to ExCom
 - 6 professional development units (PDUs) required for each level
 - Start with beginner & intermediate; "expansion pack" for next year after first year
 - General Assembly can be a part of this by participating in focus groups for extra PDUs
 - Will be presented at first GA meeting, September 1

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July 21: Meeting with Dr. Glen Laine, Vice President for Research

- Discussed possibility of VPR office helping host online research hub for recruiting human subjects; Dr. Laine referred me to a colleague

July 27: Internal financial meeting with VP Finance & Advisor

July 31: Strategic Communication Working Group

- Texas A&M is working on capital campaign and hired a consulting group to help with our branding
- President Young was there to thank us for our service. Our goals are to use this as an invitation for people to join us at A&M!
- More information forthcoming, and I will be reaching out to graduate & professional students for input!

If you have questions about any of these items, do not hesitate to ask!

Best,

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