**Minutes**

**Graduate Programs Council**

**December 4th, 2013**

Attendance: L. DeMarsico, M. Hall, D. Hallback, B. Leake, S. Rao, S. Roe (Chair), E. Schultes

Excused: C. Lindberg, L. Ortiz

**Minutes** from 11/6/2013 were approved

**Minutes** from 11/20/2013 were approved

**Graduate Assistantships**

* According to Graduate Studies, changing the contract would require a charge from Steering, conducting open fora with multiple parties, etc.
* The GPC noted that this potential flexibility may make TCNJ’s graduate programs more appealing
* Before requesting the charge, the GPC suggested polling current GAs and graduate students about what they think would make the position and/or program more appealing; could also research competitor programs’ GA positions

**Potential Saturday Classes**

* The GPC suggested polling current student interest in Saturday courses
* Could be run as a “Pilot” or as Blended Learning course

**Graduate Non-Enrollment Policy Testimony**

* GPC clarified that reinstatement is based on eligibility (remaining within the allowed 6-year period), not a subjective decision; once outside of the 6-year window, it become the coordinator’s decision for readmission
* Based on testimony, the GPC suggested a procedure change: an email should be sent to the program coordinator (“Advisor on Record”) once a student gets reinstated

**Testimony for Comprehensive Exam Policy**

* Will be gathered in February, once the Spring semester begins

**Future of the graduate comparator list**

* Must differentiate between comparator & competitor institutions; potentially need more research on competing online programs
* The GPC suggested it would be helpful to have this research completed before suggesting changes to GA contracts, Saturday resources

Respectfully submitted,

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