

## **Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2016**

Attending: John Yarie, Don Hampton, Mike Castellini, Mike Daku, Amanda Loibl, Jayne Harvie, Mitch Reed, Donie Bret-Harte, Sean McGee (by phone), Karen Jensen (by phone)

I. Minutes of our meeting on March 9, 2016 were passed.

II. Amanda Loibl reported that she does not yet have numbers on grade appeals vs academic appeals involving graduate students.

III. Updates from the graduate school. Mike Castellini reported that in his time at the graduate school, he has seen no grade appeals involving graduate students but discussions regarding academic appeals by graduate students occur frequently. The Dean's Council was canceled today, so he has no new news from the Deans. The graduate school continues to try to figure out what to do for the FY 17 budget. There are several scenarios, all involve fewer people and less support for graduate fellowships. There is also less carryforward this year than in previous years. The submission date for theses in fall semester has been moved up a week because the graduate school will have fewer people to process theses. He will remind people as we move toward fall semester. The graduate school is already working on preparations for commencement. This is lots of fun and uplifting, and makes everyone feel optimistic.

IV. GAAC discussed all the items currently under review and passed the following course and program changes:

**29-GPCh.:** Program Change: [MA - Applied Linguistics](#)

**46-GCCh.:** Course Change: [ANTH / ART F402; ANTH F602 - Anthropology of Art](#)

V. New assignments were made.

VI. Our next meeting will be April 20 at 1:15 pm.