

**Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for 02/20/2017**

Attending: Jayne Harvie, Sean Topkok, Mitch Reed, Roman Makarevich, Karen Jensen (zoom), Anne Beaudreau (zoom), Mike Daku, Robin Shoaps, Daryl Farmer, Don Hampton, Holly Sherouse (zoom)

I. Minutes from our meeting of 1/30/17 were tabled until received from Donie.

II. Update from Graduate School: Email from Mike C.:

I have outlined a few items below and attached a document for the agenda item "Report from the Graduate School"

1. Health Insurance.

As you recall, last year at this time we presented to the Faculty Senate about graduate student insurance. At the meeting, the Provost stated that she would make sure we had them covered for the academic year that we are just completing.

This year, the various Schools were not sure what to put in their offer letters to potential TAs and RAs starting in Fall 2017, as we do not yet have an insurance contract. We worked last week with UAF procurement, obtained the latest costs estimates from the insurance programs and provided a rough estimate of costs to the Provost. It appears as if the costs will increase about 7% and the Provost has notified all the Schools that we will again provide health insurance to the graduate students on RAs and TAs. We will be meeting with the insurance carrier teams in March to finalize the policies.

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I ask that you please assign this document either to a team to review (as you do for new classes, programs, etc), or perhaps to the entire committee to read. We can then discuss at a future GAAC meeting.

The document will be sent to the whole committee to review and provide feedback a week before the March 6 deadline for catalog inclusion.

III. Updates on current courses: GAAC reviewed all the current assignments and passed the following course and program changes, either during the meeting or by email:

- 3-Trial:** Trial Course: [FISH F694 - The Alaska Board of Fisheries: A Case Study](#)
- 32-GNC:** New Course, Stacked: [RD F667 - Beyond Violence: Alaska Native Healing and Justice](#)
- 42-GPCh.:**

IV. New assignments were made.

V. Our next meeting will be determined by Doodle Poll.