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## PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Minutes of February 17, 2017 meeting

#### Members Present

Lotzi Boloni, Debopam Chakrabarti, Vladimir Gatchev, Rich Gause, Ji-Eun Lee, Patrick LiKamWa, Gerald Smith, John Weishampel, George Weremchuk, Eleanor Witta

#### Recorder

Emily Stettner

#### Guests Present

Jessica Cheatwood-Alvarez

### Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by committee chair Dr. LiKamWa.

### General business

The minutes from the February 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. The BOG criteria worksheet from the Master of Athletic Training new program proposal was reviewed and revised. The committee agreed on the edits and the criteria worksheet will now be submitted to the program.

### Announcements/Discussions

Dr. Weishampel announced some recent changes in the responsibilities of the Graduate Program Review and Awards Committee. In previous years, the Committee was responsible for reviewing each program and making recommendations to the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies regarding the strengths, weaknesses, and suggestions for the programs moving forward. This task was duplicated with another UCF Committee and in discussion with the Dean, it was decided that this Committee no longer needs to complete this task. The only exception would be if a program receives negative evaluations from the external reviewers and termination of the program is recommended.

### Awards

The committee reviewed the nominations for graduate student and faculty awards. The committee members were provided with the nominees' entries prior to the meeting along with a criteria sheet to rate the nominees. Ratings were received from the committee members prior to the meeting and compiled by Emily Stettner. The results were displayed to facilitate discussion.

Discussions were held for each award category with some categories having lengthier discussion regarding award criteria and the supporting information provided for each. All final rankings/votes were recorded and the committee made final recommendations for winners of each of the awards. The information discussed at the meeting along with the recommendations will be forwarded to the Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

The committee discussed the possibility of splitting the Outstanding Master's Thesis and the Outstanding Dissertation student awards into two categories similar to the Award for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Doctoral Students. Dr. Weishampel agreed to present the idea to the Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

### Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00am.

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