November 15, 2018 10:30 to 12 pm Theme: Donuts with the Dean: Q&A with Graduate School Dean Alicia Bertone Attendance: 37 Brief summary of meeting (note from Megan: minutes were lost, and this is a reproduced summary of many topics covered in the meeting).

Welcome: Ana Casado (Educational Programming Chair, from Department of Engineering Education)

Dean Alicia Bertone of the Graduate School Topics covered:

- Recognizes role of the program staff, Graduate School increased interest in reaching out to all at Ohio State who work with graduate students.
- Shared new Vision and Mission Statement for the Graduate School.
- Interested in reaching out to external groups as well (local, state, etc.), raising the profile of Graduate School and Ohio State graduate students.
- Question and Answer about keeping up with graduate student progress
  - Collaboration with admissions and enrollment to create dashboard tracking student progress.
  - New Assistant Dean role (focus on Professional Development, Advancement, etc.)
    - In process of creating position description (draft stage)
    - Effort to increase Ohio State efforts in Professional Development
    - National recruitment

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- Role of graduate students on Graduate Studies Committees, making sure issues brought up at program level, in Council of Graduate Students, etc. are brought to the top.
- New Bridge Program beginning January 1
  - Transition program for students, increased mentorship, will take graduate courses in program and if they complete the program will receive certificate.
  - Students will have a mentor/advisor in the program (goal of Bridge is to support students with more mentorship)
  - For students at risk of having low GPA in the first semester (difficult problem to remedy).
  - Students will be able to enroll in their program if they complete the Bridge; will also be able to go to other programs
  - Physics has an existing Bridge program
- Future collaboration between Enrollment Services/SAS and Graduate School, more representation in ES/SAS for Graduate Education
  - Currently only GP Admissions is part of that unit.
  - Graduate students make up 20% of Ohio State enrollment
- Question about recruiting students nationally (self-funded students paying out-of-state tuition in first year).



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- Also discussion about stipend changes, length of funding issues and how Ohio State sits nationally with these.
- Question and Answer about faculty training and mentorship; university/President Drake has increased focus on Faculty Teaching
  - New modules on teaching for faculty
- Remediation: New process noted in Handbook
  - For students who fall below required 3.0 GPA
  - o Increased intervention, keeping them funded through process of remediation
  - o Encourage increased work with faculty advisor

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December meeting TBD: Food and Fellowship

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