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possible. Students do not have to have the full committee identified, just the chair. The chair can be identified in the first semester after coursework has been completed. In addition to the policy, a new Advancement to Candidacy form (D9) was proposed.

- Council approved the form and the policy as submitted.
- The Result of Master's Examination or Requirements (M2) and the Result of Doctoral Examination or Requirement (D3) forms were submitted to Council for review and approval. Council suggested changes to the forms.

GTAI Institute

- Missy Barber advised Council that she will be sending out information on the revised process for the GTAI Institute and a draft of the invitation letter for their review. She also mentioned that a request for volunteers to serve as evaluators will be sent. Also, she will ask for volunteers for the TA panel.
- Ms. Barber also said that registration for the Institute is down compared to this time last year.

Waiver Discussion Continued

- Brian Payne said that the VP for Research will be open to different models, i.e., reduced indirect costs. We do not pay indirect costs on tuition. Dr. Payne also said that they are more concerned with larger grants that could absorb the additional cost.
- Students in current grants would not be cut-off. There is no discussion of the waiver budget shrinking.
- Dr. Dhali said that they have started adding the cost of in-state tuition to grant proposals. He said that it is a start and will still allow programs to grow. He is concerned that people will be discouraged from applying for grants.
- Dr. Dickinson said that other entities on campus expect departments to pay for waivers, which takes away money from the colleges.
- Dr. Sousa-Poza said that they are being asked to behave like a business, but when they do and generate more revenue they don't get a direct share.
- It was suggested that we have a brown bag program to discuss the expansion of the Master's population. An incentive needs to be in place to support doctoral endeavors.

- Dr. Ardalan said that in Business they fund for three years, then in the fourth year they become adjunct faculty. Dr. Wojtowicz asked if we should create something more formal that aligns with what the College of Business does.
- Dr. Ardalan says that tuition should be looked at as revenue rather than a cost. For example, 4 students paying tuition cover the cost of the class. Dr. Sousa-Poza says that Engineering is generating revenue that more than covers the cost of the tuition waivers. It is expensive, but it is generating a profit.
- Dr. Payne and Dr. Wojtowicz say that they will contact the new VP for Research to come to a future meeting about building a research arm.

Probation/Suspension Policy

- There are situations where a student gets a failing grade and there is no way to bring the GPA up to a 3.0 to be a student in good standing within the parameters of the policy. The undergraduate policy was changed several years ago. If a student has a 0.0 GPA for 2 consecutive semesters are suspended. Also now, students must make satisfactory academic progress.
- Dr. DePew says he reviews the data for the student and advises if it is not doable.
- Dr. Sousa-Poza said a GPA of 3.0 compared to a 2.9 or a 3.1 is really meaningless. How often do we have a 3.0 average GPA?
- Students don’t reach out until it is too late.