Introduction:

The minutes from the June 10, 2016 GSAPC meeting were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Dean Karpus led introductions and briefly described the GSPAC overview and charge.

Discussion Items:

1. Dean Karpus shared a brief update on the implementation of the new graduate student assistantship policy and led discussion on stipend increases for next year.

2. Dean Karpus shared an update on the graduate school strategic plan. The dean noted that over the next four years there will be a significant focus on funding for graduate students, as well as a more integrated professional development scheme.

3. Dean Karpus led a discussion on the subject of the Divisional Fellowships Competition. The dean informed the committee that the Biological Sciences Divisional Competition will be moved to the fall to better support recruitment in the spring.

4. Dean Karpus led a discussion regarding strategies for inter-program review. The inter-program review will serve as a dashboard of measureable data on graduate programs, allowing the graduate school to monitor programs’ progress and provide support/resources where necessary. The GSPAC recommended that various information be included in the review, including faculty-to-student ratios, program attrition data, and statistics regarding employment following graduation. The GSPAC discussed the benefits of the inter-program review and agreed it will be valuable.