Meeting Notes
PhD Funding Working Group
January 10, 2013, 9:00-10:30 a.m., HH 309

Attending: Julia Hammer, Torben Nielson, Stacey Roberts, Crystal Valliant, Michelle Tichelaar, Yuko Otsuka, Healani Chang, Charles Kinoshita, Martin Rayner, Dick Chadwick, Chip Fletcher, Tom Gaardner, Rebekah Carroll, Susan Hippensteele

1. SP/WG Status and Update (SH)
   a. 2 WG mostly, fully populated
   b. No nominees from Kuali’i Council
   c. ASUH rep missing
   d. Sustainability and Innovative Initiative WGs start this week
   e. Accomplishments since last meeting
      i. Met with TA to discuss proposals being formulated
         1. Each has specific proposals at this time
         2. Authority discussion at last Campus-Wide Conversation
            1. This has implications for WG recommendations should be
   Q: Chancellor has determined the increase of all GAs to 8 & 9. How does that effect the 5th year funding?

2. Mixed Model Funding discussion (con't)
   a. Reduction of TAships is no fix to the problem
   b. Historic carryover discussion

Q: Should we extend the proposal to 6 years to be in line with the average time to degree?
-- Don’t want to guarantee the average
-- Incentive to finish quickly & efficiently
-- Concerned about “down-sizing” if proposal goes 6 years
-- Not all are sciences
Q: Where does the funding come from?

c. Discussion of Proposal
   i. Suggestion
   ii. 1st year: Support by Dept.> Coursework only (not in most disciplines)
   iii. 2nd-4th year: TA or GA
   iv. 5th Year: Apply to a competitive fellowship during dissertation completion
   v. 6th year: Potential

d. Discussion of the SP built in Right-Sizing: # of apps, # acceptance- taking into account competition, Time to degree, Graduation Rate, Placement

e. Issue: Difficulty of recruiting the best students due to lack of funding
   i. Linguistics example
      1. Fund through 8 semesters GA
2. Fellowship beyond
   f. Full-funding vs. Competitive
      i. Berkeley, Johns Hopkins. Columbia, Ohio, Oregon, UW, Michigan

3. Additional funding model options
   Q: Regarding the competitive angle> How can it be reconciled with an offer letter
      guaranteeing 5 years funding?
   Q: Could we each be responsible for thinking of ideal models. Ex. If we had X
      number of years of funding, what would the model be?
   Q: Can we get regular updates from SH on funding?

   a. Discussion of Capital Campaign

Next Steps
1. WG members send ideal funding model to SH one week before next meeting
2. SH to seek clarity on current funding for TA/GA Q’s from WG

Next Meeting: February 7, 2013, 9:00-10:30 a.m., HH 309