

Graduate Student Association (GSA)
February 28, 2012

- Meeting Attendance: 20
- Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
- President Aaron introduces Dr. Karen Coats for our Talk With the Dean
 - One student asks where she would like to see GSA in the future
 - Dr. Coats responds that she would like to see more student involvement and more student autonomy
 - Another student asks about moving the GSA meetings up to 5:00 pm
 - After discussion the students agree to move the meetings up to 5:00 pm in the future
 - One student asks if we can have more general topic discussions and speakers for the meetings
 - How to move from a Ph.D to a post doc position
 - How to balance school and family
 - Possible speaker: Whitt Wade who is an advocate for students
 - Possible speaker: Tricia Phillips who provides confidential help with problems and works in the Office of R & ED
- Aaron introduces our speaker for this meeting, Christine Williams
- Christine Williams is from the IRB Office
 - She discusses how IRB looks at research that involves humans as subjects and it is required for some thesis and dissertations
 - IRB provides one-on-one help going over your project
 - They look to see if it fits the federal definition of research
 - They also look to see if it fits the definition of human subjects
 - If you need IRB help they will look at what level of review is required, and the risks/benefits associated with your research
 - What IRB also looks for is if your subjects understand that they are participating in research and if they understand what they are being asked as a participant
 - Christine opens the floor for questions
 - What is the time for a proposal review
 - You must get IRB training (online or live)
 - Submit an application
 - Time depends on how thorough your application is, procedures being used in research and how many other people are applying
 - It can take as little as a one week for IRB approval or longer
 - Your academic advisor will also need to have IRB training
 - She addresses additional common concerns
 - Pilot studies need IRB approval
 - Nothing can be disapproved by one person, there is a university convenience board of 17 people who help to vote and make the decision
 - IRB approval can expire depending on your level of approval
 - Exploration for project is usually 12 months
 - 60 days prior to expiration, IRB will email you a reminder and will also send an additional reminder 30 days prior to expiration
 - There is a new application for expired approvals, however you can use your previous application for existing data
 - If you conduct interviews for your research prior to IRB approval this is considered non-compliance. IRB will work with students on an individual basis and works with students to get this straightened out
 - Contact Information for IRB
 - www.orc.msstate.edu
 - Next IRB training is March 20th
 - You must register online first
 - There are two types of IRB applications
 - Supplemental form: Application for administrative review
 - Students should start with this application
 - Protocol submission form
- Aaron discusses last reminders
 - encourages students to apply for the GSA travel grant
 - on the MSU website you can search: GSA travel grant to find the application
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm