

GAAC Minutes
Friday, February 19, 2016 8:30 -10:00am
Verhaegen Hall, Room 219

Office of Graduate Education has collected the data. A summary sheet was provided to the committee. The results so far show that only 38% of the students had even taken part in an annual academic review, which is required of all programs. It is unclear if the students just did not realize they had one or if they actually did not have one. This is just the preliminary report, a final report will be presented at the next meeting, along with a breakdown of which departments had students respond. In the meantime, feedback is requested on the preliminary data from individual units.

III. **New Business**

A. **GA Limit of 5 years** – This has been tabled until the next meeting due to time restraints. The chair of the English department will come to better articulate the concerns of their department.

B. **Discontinuation of the MS in BSDP (Rebmann)** – Terri Rebmann, Director for the Institute for Biosecurity, was present to discuss the discontinuation of the traditional MS in Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness (BSDP). This program has been around for a while and they have been moving to the MPH in BSDP and now offer an online MPH in BSDP. As a result they have seen that the student enrollment in the MS has almost completely dropped off. Most students are much more interested in the MPH, and the market is more interested in graduates from the MPH program as opposed to the MS. Therefore, from a financial and academic perspective it was decided that the best course of action was to eliminate the MS and offer students the option to transition to the online MPH and no longer admitting students to the MS. Students who opt not to transition will be given the opportunity to take the courses that will be eliminated one last time before the program is officially discontinued.

IV. **Announcements**

A. Next meeting: March 18

Talking Points:

1. **Global Outcomes:** The draft of the Global Outcomes with the changes discussed at today's GAAC meeting has been distributed to the committee. Please discuss these changes with your individual units. This will be brought up for a final vote at the next meeting.
2. **Academic Definitions:** A revised draft of the academic definitions taking into account changes discussed at today's GAAC meeting has been distributed to the committee. Please take this back to your individual units for feedback and email this to Terry Tomazic. This will be up for a final vote at the next meeting.
3. **Annual Review:** A breakdown of departments will be provided at a later date. In the meantime, please discuss the summary report provided for feedback from the individual units.