

**Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee  
Minutes for November 11, 2015**

Attending: Anne Beaudreau, Mike Castellini, Mitch Reed, Katrin Iken (guest), Mike Daku, Karen Jensen (by phone), Don Hampton, Jayne Harvie, John Yarie, Donie Bret-Harte, Amanda Loibl

**I. Minutes** of our meeting of 10/28/15 were passed

**II. GAAC members spoke with guest Katrin Iken about the proposal for an MA in Marine Sciences.** Katrin stated that the interest in this program came from two sides, requests from students and a perception that it might benefit the overall marine program in SFOS. Some students have requested a course-based master's that can be completed in only two years, that would cover scientific literature in more depth and give them a better understanding of data

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inary Studies. Many of these students are coming  
re different from students undergoing the usual  
n. SFOS does not have an undergraduate program, so

interests of faculty as well as students, and SFOS expects a good match. The program will not accept students without matching them up with advisors ahead of time. John Yarie asked whether the program would accept students with any undergraduate degree. Katrin said that she would expect students to mostly have backgrounds in natural sciences background, but the decision will be up to the advisor. Katrin will clarify the number of credits required in the document.

**III. Updates from the Graduate School.** 1) Mike Castellini is preparing for the presentation on changes to graduate student health insurance at the December Senate Meeting. Dr. BJ Aldrich, MD, who oversees the UAF Health Center will attend to speak at Senate meeting; she deals with insurance companies. 2) The Graduate School has been dealing with Title IX issues; doing some interviews with EEOO 4(itp)-2(s)-1; doH 4(iU0 TP 0 T-15.29 -in)2