

GAAC Meet and Confer Agenda

Old Business

- Updates on the housing development in Old Leanordtowne.
- Updates on funding transparency for international students (especially ENGR) working on grant from
defense may be distasteful for grads from e.g. Palestine.
- Visa issues for international students especially given the new white house administration.
- Need to make sure all documents are up to date on the grad school website.

New Business

- Underpay within the journalism school (multiple years).
 - Did not differentiate between types of assistants, so TAs were all underpaid because they were paid on a 9 month contract, rather than 9.5/12.
 - Journalism school agreed with issue and to address it but it is going very slowly.
 - Have decided not to backpay for previous years for unexplained reasons.
 - Dean Roth decided it was resolved and requires people to make individual claims in the grievance process, but this process does not allow for financial resolutions.
- Within music school, the school cannot deduct tuition expenses, would make it easier to afford it monthly, but big deduction or payment plans may not be affordable for some grads.
- Is the university doing anything to prevent profiling by ICE/can the university release information to help people who are in the crosshairs of ICE (related to the visa issues point from old business)?
- Is UMD providing information to the federal government in response to the request from the House special committee on the CCP?