**GSC Committee Meeting Form**

**Instructions:** Please complete this form and send it to the GSC president and web master/VP of communication no later than 48 hours after you attend any committee meetings or other meetings on campus where you represent GSC. This form will be made public on the GSC website for graduate students to review.

**Name (GSC members who attended this meeting, bold name of individual filling out report): Tara Young**

**Name of meeting/committee:** Graduate Council

**Meeting date:** 11/02/2017

**Start time:** 11:30 am

**End time:** 1:00 pm

**Brief summary of committee purpose:** Graduate Council includes Dean Reyes, deans and members from most/all colleges, and discusses issues involving graduate student life and policy.

**Meeting Summary/Main points of interest (include a bullet point list of any announcements for upcoming events, topics discussed, changes made, and relevant points here):**

* HRTM Proposal was reviewed by standards committee and approved with some revision to go through the 11 step process to becoming an official program
* Military Leave Program
  + There is currently a military withdrawal program where military personal can withdraw and be refunded.
  + There is no policy in place for excused absences, however
  + Proposal for 3 weeks of excused absences for military personal
  + Discussion that 3 weeks is too long and that it should differ by individual faculty and individual classes, suggestion to leave it up to the faculty up to three weeks
  + Motion was made to support the intent of the proposed motion (motion passes)
* Graduate School Retention and Degree Completion Study
  + Report should be completed by January
  + Data is for the institution, not individual dept.’s
  + Showed us the degree completion rates, graduation rates, drop-out rates for MA and PhD students
* Faculty Senate Dr. Chris Brown
  + Proposition to merge 2 dept’s was passed