

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES, Meeting 400

March 4, 2011

PRESENT: L. Bennett (CAS), J. Berman (PSYC), G. Emmert (CHEM), D. Sherrell (MKTG), M. Logan (CCFA), J. Page (MUSIC), S. Utt (JOUR), E. Rakow (COE), K. Meyer (LEAD), L. Weiss (HSS), D. Hochstein (ENGR), R. Meier (CIVL), R. Koch (NURSING), D. Irwin (UNV. COLLEGE), K. Ward (SPH), B. Park (Library), K. Weddle-West (Graduate School)

ABSENT: J. Phillips (ENGL), J. Dhaliwal (FCBE; D. Sherrell proxy), A. Curry (BIOMED ENGR), D. Wark (AUSP), A. Mount (GSA), W. Jackson (Faculty Senate), J. Brownlee (Graduate School), T. Woodman (Graduate School)

GUESTS: Joy Clay, Cedar Nordbye, representing Faculty Senate for Wade Jackson; Sara Hoover (Graduate School)

K. Weddle-West opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

400.1 Approval of the Minutes from meeting #399 held on February 4, 2011. L. Bennett moved (2/ R. Meier) to approve the minutes from meeting #399. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

400.2 Announcements

400.2.1 "Thank you all!" for the success of the Graduate Recruitment Fair. K. Weddle-West sent out a note to Graduate Directors. Origins of Fair were that Dr. Raines felt the undergraduate honors students were going untapped. Held first Graduate School Recruitment Fair in March 2009, which had over 300 students, 60 faculty. Nov. 2010 was the lowest attendance with 275 students and spent more money on the fair with a marketing budget for ads in the Commercial Appeal, DeSoto addition, Memphis Flyer. The advertising pulled in folks primarily from outside the university. It rained very hard. This semester's fair was the fifth and the smallest turnout. It's a "no cost" fair with about \$150 for flyers. We'd done what the president wanted us to do. We've saturated the population here and need to wait until new waves of students arrive. Melinda Jones and Destin/Justin have done a tremendous job. Go to an annual fair. C. Nordbye had a question. Thank you to M. Logan & E. Rakow for the Helmsman article on the new GRE and discussing changes that are not tougher but more sensible test. August 1 is the last time to take the current GRE. Anyone that starts school before November must take the current GRE but those who can have their score after Nov. 12 are encouraged to take the Revised GRE test.

400.2.2 "Information Sessions" for the revised GRE - (Handout distributed at meeting)
Faculty and advisors need to know this information. Information sessions will be held during Graduate Education Week on Friday, April 8. Background on Graduate Education Week was given and the daily events for the week were gone over. College Directors are encouraged to serve as judges at the annual Student Research Forum. The incentive is a luncheon. The itinerary is very much a draft. K. Weddle-West is still looking for students to present in Nashville and represent the University. Suggestions can be sent to K. Weddle-West.

400.2.3 Newly approved online programs (electronic) were all approved except Adult & Higher Education because the Adult programs have been approved but not the Higher Ed.

400.2.4 U.S. News & World Report Best Grad Schools 2012 rankings are scheduled for online release at 12:01 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 15. Approximately 900 graduate students are scheduled to graduate this semester which is a record. Need to check what UT's numbers are.

400.3 Discussion Items

400.3.1 Requests for an in-state tuition rate for all dissertation & theses credit. L. Bennett, D. Irwin, E. Rakow, and D. Sherrell all had positive feedback. D. Hochstein & K. Ward hadn't discussed it yet. David Zettegren supports the change. The continuous enrollment policy was designed to create a sustained period of engagement. Students paying out-of-state and were granted the in-state rate and then graduated would be a 10 percent increase in graduation. This affects the funding rates. Out-of-state tuition is \$1,000 for 1 credit plus \$100 late fee and \$100 late registration. This rate change may provide an incentive for students to come back and finish. Will this effect THEC rankings? Can there be a ceiling or term limitation? Some people have completed their requirements but can't get their degree because Bursar's is holding it. One person owes \$8,000. Bursar's have does a payment plan. Would like data on how many students this will effect?

400.4 Old Business

400.4.1 Approval of curricular item AS 73 - SWRK 7005, title change. G. Emmert moved (2/ R. Meier). The motion was carried by voice vote.

400.4.2 Vote on curricular items AS 77-84 - WMST program revisions. MA Certificate change in title from Women's Studies to Women's & Gender Studies. They have partnered with

sociology and philosophy so students can choose 9 hours of electives in social sciences or humanities (from opposite one student is in). Certificate has been approved. Two other interdisciplinary certificates exist at the University. This change helps the philosophy students who are primarily know for feminist philosophy become more marketable. The new model is relative money, e.g. if we improve 10 percent but UT-Knoxville improves 15 percent, we lose money.

400.4.3 Vote on curricular item CFA 2 - Catalog revision on hold.

400.4.4 Vote on curricular item UC 5 -UNIV 7005, new course request on hold.

400.4.5 Strategic Recruitment Planning Committee still being developed.

400.5 New Business

400.5.1 Approval of Nursing Graduate Certificate proposals (electronic). The Nursing Administration Certificate, Nursing Education Certificate - RODP, Nursing Informatics Certificate are part of the RODP in masters in Nursing Consortium in Nursing. They would be certificates for areas where there is low enrollment. No new courses, they are existing courses. Includes everything except core courses. L. Bennett question whether if they all count toward a degree, could person take certificate and then get degree next. Yes. E. Rakow moved (2/ L. Weiss) to approve the nursing graduate certificate proposals. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sara Hoover.