

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES, Meeting 375A

13 December 2007

2:00 p.m., 200 Mitchell Building

PRESENT: D. Arant (UNIV), L. Bennett (CAS), R. Cox (ESCI; L. Bennett, proxy), C. Danehower (FCBE; D. Sherrell, proxy), R. Koch (NURS), C. Langstraat (ACCT), M. Logan (CCFA), C. Menifield (PADM), D. Patterson (JDST), H. Perkins (ICL), E. Perry (Faculty Senate), E. Rakow (COE), L. Schranze (MUSIC), D. Sherrell (MKTG), S. Slack (ENGR), D. Wark (AUSP), L. Weiss (HSS), C. Williams (ENTH); K. Weddle-West (VPGS),

ABSENT: J. Brownlee (Graduate School), B. Park (Libraries), N. Wallace (ART), E. Watson (GSA)

GUESTS: J. Thomas (NURS)

375A.1 Announcements:

375A.1.1 The Council of Graduate Schools has requested names and information about graduates who “enhance the public good.” Departments should send nominations to their College Directors, who will forward them to K. Weddle-West by 15 January 2008. The University will forward three nominations to CGS by the deadline of 18 January 2008. This is an excellent way of promoting the University of Memphis to the public.

375A.1.2 K. Weddle-West distributed copies of an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in September that highlighted the number of African-American females who have been awarded PhDs in Philosophy at the UofM. She also reminded Council members that the Graduate School has been awarded the CGS-Peterson’s award for diversity and that the University has been named a Doctoral Research Extensive University by Carnegie. President Raines would like all university communications to mention this.

375A.1.3 When she was at the CGS meeting in early December, K. Weddle-West made a presentation about Graduate Education in Tennessee Week. Attendees were very impressed with what we are doing and asked for more details.

375A.1.4 She also announced that 40% of graduate students across the country are ABD. Lee Schulman of the Carnegie Foundation suggests that this may be due in part to the lack of a formal induction in which students become stewards of the discipline. The GSA has developed an oath of stewardship that President Raines administered during Graduate Orientation in August as a way to reduce the ABD rate.

375A.2 New concentration in Executive Nursing Leadership in the Master of Science in Nursing:

J. Thomas explained that she, R. Koch, H. Kurtz, M. Luttrell, K. Weddle-West, S. Hyland, L. Bennett, L. Narine, and C. Barsukiewicz had met and two HADM courses have replaced two of the new Nursing courses requested. L. Narine now approves of the new Nursing concentration. It is the first Executive Nursing program in the area; UAB and St. Jude have already expressed interest in the program. E. Perry moved (2/E. Rakow) that the proposal for a new MSN concentration in Executive Nursing Leadership be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

375A. 2 L. Bennett announced that there will be meetings during the Winter break on the next steps in structuring the School of Public Health.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Hurley.