

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES, Meeting 425

December 12, 2014

2:00 p.m., 260 University Center

PRESENT: R. Kreuz (CAS), G. Emmert (CHEM), S. Neely-Barnes (SWRK), , L. Brooks (FCBE), D. Sherrell (MSCM), B. Krishnan (FCBE), M. Logan (CCFA), A. de Velasco (COMM), M. O'Nele (THEA), V. Morris (CEHHS), J. Byford (ICL), L. Weiss (HSS), W. Haggard (ENGR), R. Meier (CIVIL ENGR), K. Berisso (ENGR TECH), D. Wark (SCSD), G. Shiba (NURSE), M. Levy (SPH), B. Akey (UNIV COLLEGE), J. Berman (Faculty Senate), J. Dhaliwal (Graduate School), L. Griggs (Graduate Admissions), A. Neal (Library)

ABSENT: B. Park (Library), M. Levy (SPH)(proxy=G. Shiba), Q. Chu (FIN)(proxy=L. Brooks), C. Preza (EECE), K. Duckett (GSA), L. Jarmulowicz (SCSD), J. Scraba (ENGL), J. Kierulff (Graduate School)

GUESTS: Jim Gurney, School of Public Health, Robin Poston, College of Business,

J. Dhaliwal opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

425.1: G. Emmert moved (2/G. Shiba) to approve the minutes from meeting #424, held on November 11, 2014. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.1 College of Communication and Fine Arts: M. Logan, A. de Velasco, and M. O'Nele summarized the College's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss G. Emmert moved (2/D. Wark) to approve the revisions submitted by the College of Communication and Fine Arts. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.2 School of Communication Sciences and Disorders: D. Wark summarized the School's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss M. Logan moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the revisions submitted by the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.3 School of Nursing: G. Shiba summarized the School's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss L. Weiss moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the revisions submitted by the School of Nursing. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.4 College of Arts and Sciences: R. Kreuz summarized the College's curricular requests. M. Logan posed a general question about the reduction in the number of hours being budget driven. There was some discussion about the

need to reduce the number of hours required for some degrees. There being no other issues to discuss M. Logan moved (2/M. O'Nele) to approve the revisions submitted by the College of Arts and Sciences. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.5 College of Business: L. Brooks, B. Krishnan and R. Poston summarized the College's curricular requests. Regarding the proposed certificate in Business Intelligence and Analytics, L. Weiss inquired if the certificate will be an evolving program. R. Poston responded that the certificate program will definitely be evolving. M. Logan asked when TBR will begin accepting proposals again. J. Dhaliwal replied that the moratorium will be lifted in April. He noted that there will be new forms and a new process in place, but that these changes have not yet been approved by TBR. There being no further issues to discuss R. Meier moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the revisions submitted by the College of Business. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.6 College of Education, Health and Human Sciences: V. Morris summarized the College's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss B. Akey moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the revisions submitted by the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.7 College of Engineering: W. Haggard summarized the College's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss G. Emmert moved (2/J. Berman) to approve the revisions submitted by the College of Engineering. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.8 School of Public Health: Jim Gurney attended the meeting in M. Levy's place and summarized the School's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss L. Weiss moved (2/G. Emmert) to approve the revisions submitted by the School of Public Health. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.2.9 University College: W. Akey summarized the College's curricular requests. There being no issues to discuss R. Meier moved (2/S. Neely-Barnes) to approve the revisions submitted by the University College. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.3: Graduate Education Week in Tennessee will be February 23 – 27, 2015. The Graduate School is still searching for a student presented to take to Nashville on February 25, 2015. Please send the names of all nominees to M. Kyle.

425.4: J. Dhaliwal announced that the Graduate School spring Recruitment Fair will be on March 17, 2015 in the Rose Theatre.

425.5: The Student Research Forum will be on March 30, 2015. The Graduate School is still searching for a student to present their research at this event. Please send the names of nominees to M. Kyle.

425.6: The Role of the Graduate School document was tabled at the previous UCGS meeting. J. Dhaliwal asked if there was a motion to bring the item off the table and back open for discussion. M. O'Nele moved (2/M. Logan) to remove the item from the table. M. Logan withdrew her seconding of the motion. Therefor the item remained tabled.

425.7: The revisions to the UCGS By-Laws were tabled at the previous UCGS meeting. J. Dhaliwal asked if there was a motion to bring the item off the table and back up for discussion. M. O'Nele moved to remove the item from the table. However, there was no second to this motion. Therefor the item remained tabled.

425.8: S. Neely-Barnes moved (2/G. Shiba) to approve the Student Leave of Absence form. The motion was carried by voice vote.

425.9: J. Dhaliwal announced that the Graduate School has proposed to extend in-state tuition rates to a 250 mile radius. He noted that he will keep the UCGS informed of this development.

J. Dhaliwal also informed the council that the professional development of doctoral students is a growing issue because so few are ending up in academic careers. Therefor we need to prepare them for professional careers as well as academic careers. He noted that the nature of graduate education will need to adapt to the changing market.

425.10: J. Dhaliwal provided the council with a progress report regarding enrollment management. He asked that the colleges and schools work to make their admissions liaison a part of their enrollment management team. Please include the admissions staff in your meetings. The Graduate School wants them to work with the programs to make the application process seamless. J. Dhaliwal commended L. Griggs and his staff on the recent changes made to the Graduate Admissions office.

425.11: J. Dhaliwal noted the importance of promoting our Graduate Certificate programs. He asked the council to help disseminate the message that these programs are now financial aid eligible. He noted that we need to take concerted action to promote these programs.

425.12: J. Dhaliwal requested that the link to the Graduate School's hobsons interest page be posted on all departmental websites. D. Wark noted that his

school already has an efficient way of responding to inquiries and adding the link to the Graduate School hobsons page might confuse prospective students. He asked if adding this link was mandatory. J. Dhaliwal responded that adding the link is not mandatory. However, if a program doesn't already have a process in place he encouraged them to add this link to their website.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Kyle.