

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES, Meeting 431

November 6 2015

2:00 p.m., 260 University Center

PRESENT: R. Kreuz (CAS), R. Dupont (CJUS), L. Brooks (FCBE), Q. Chu (FIR), A. Okunade (ECON), M. Logan (CCFA), T. de Velasco (COMM), J. Byford (ICL), D. Strohmer (CEPR), R. Meier (CIVL), L. Weiss (SHS), S. Lee (NURSE), G. Shiba (NURSE), M. Levy (SPH), B. Akey (UCOLL), K. Sisson (UCOLL), J. Berman (FS), K. DUckett (GSA), J. Dhaliwal (Graduate School), J. Kierulff (Graduate School)

ABSENT: G. Emmert (CHEM), J. Scraba (ENGL), G. Myatt (ART)(proxy=M. Logan), V. Morris (EDU), W. Haggard (ENGR)(proxy=R. Meier), C. Preza (EECE)(proxy=R. Meier), D. WARK (SCSD),

GUESTS:

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J. Dhaliwal opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

**431.1:** L. Weiss moved (2/B. Akey) to approve the minutes from UCGS meeting # 430, held on October 2, 2015. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**431.2:** J. Dhaliwal informed the council that the Graduate School is working on GA compensation chart that allows for maximum flexibility. He noted that the Graduate School is still working on it, but plan to present a hardcopy at the next meeting.

**431.3:** J. Kierulff presented the council with the change implementation plan for the new thesis and dissertation submission guidelines. The Graduate School plans to implement these new procedures in the spring 2016 semester.

**431.4:** J. Dhaliwal announced that the TCGS Thesis Award nominations are due to the Graduate School on November 24, 2015. He asked the council to encourage members to apply.

**431.5:** J. Dhaliwal informed the council that in regards to a new application system the Graduate School is proceeding with the submission of an RFP. The Graduate School hopes to implement the new application system in the fall 2016 semester.

**431.6:** J. Dhaliwal announced that Graduate Education Week in Tennessee will be February 22 – 26, 2016. He reminded the council that a student needs to be selected to travel to Nashville on February 24, 2016.

**431.7:** J. Dhaliwal announced that the Student Research Forum will be held on March 28, 2016. He reminded the council that a student speaker needs to be selected.

**431.8:** J. Dhaliwal informed the council that curricular review triage meetings will be held November 9 and 10, 2015.

**431.9:** J. Dhaliwal announced that defended thesis and dissertations are due to Michelle Stout on November 1, 2015.

**431.10:** J. Dhaliwal announced that Spring only GA eContracts are due to the Graduate School on November 27, 2015.

**431.11:** J. Dhaliwal announced that Comprehensive Exam results are due to Michelle Stout November 30, 2015.

J. Dhaliwal informed the council that there has been a lot of review and discussion by the Provost and President's offices about the role of the Faculty Senate in the curricular process. He added that he hopes to have the Provost and President attend the next meeting.

M. Levy announced that the Church Health Center is interested in learning more about our Graduate Certificate programs. The Church Health Center will be hosting an informational session on November 11, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Kyle.