

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes, Meeting 452

October 12, 2018

2:00 p.m., 261 University Center

PRESENT: R. Kreuz (CAS), H. Kurtz (CHEM), D. Peksen (POLS), J. Scraba (ENGL), C. Pierce (FCBE), R. Fisher (CCFA), S. Brown (THEA), J. Goldsmith (COMM), A. Hall (EDU), L. MacGillivray (ICL), S. Nordstrom (CEPR), R. Meier (ENGR), A. Curry (BIOM), A. Robinson (EECE), S. Lee (NURS), T. Ryan (KWS), L. Mendel (SCSD), L. Weiss (SHS), H. Mahbulul (GSA), R. Poston (GS), J. Kierulff (GS), L. Griggs (GS).

ABSENT: Brad Harrell (NURS), M. Levy (SPH)(proxy=S. Lee), J. Gikas (U. COLL), C. Chapell (U. COLL),

GUESTS: Linda Finati, (SCSD); Marilyn Wark, (SCSD)

R. Poston opened the meeting at 2:32 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

R. Poston thanked the group for their dedication and hard work.

452.1: S. Lee suggested clarifying the last statement in section 451.16. R. Meier moved (2/L. MacGillivray) to approve the minutes with the discussed amendment. The motion was carried by voice vote.

452.2: R. Poston reviewed the Graduate School's priorities for the 2018-2019 academic year. She noted that Graduate School staff has been promoting ABMs and certificate programs to all groups that will meet with them. She also let the council know that the Graduate School has been promoting our ranked programs at football games.

452.3: R. Poston informed the council that L. Griggs and the admissions counselors are recruiting at Graduate School fairs across Tennessee and Arkansas. She encouraged the members to send promotional materials to the Graduate School.

452.3: J. Kierulff provided the council with an update on the new application system, UniCAS. The integration plan is complete. Once the programming is complete test mode will begin. The Graduate School will announce the go live date before going live because program webpages will need updating.

452.5: R. Poston informed the council that the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools (TCGS) fall meeting was held October 5, 2018 at Austin Peay State University. She provided an overview of the meeting and what was discussed. R. Poston asked the council to review the draft of the letter to our legislators, as the Graduate School needs input on how to customize the letter for our agenda.

452.6: The TCGS Master's Thesis Award nominations are due to the Graduate School by November 15, 2018. R. Poston asked that members volunteer to serve on the review committee.

452.7: M. Kyle reminded the council curricular revisions are due to her by October 17, 2018.

452.8: R. Poston announced the graduate deadlines. She noted that J. Beech would greatly appreciate that comps results be turned in as soon as they are ready because of tight deadlines.

452.9: R. Poston reviewed the previous Graduate School Information Fairs and sessions. She asked for any recommendations on how to improve these events.

452.10: R. Poston announced that the Graduate School will be hosting a Study Break event on November 8, 2018.

452.11: R. Poston reminded the council that the next Thesis/Dissertation Workshop is on November 14, 2018. M. Hasan reported how many people have been attending the seminar.

452.12: M. Hasan shared the Graduate Student Association election results with the council. He noted that representatives are still needed from the College of Communication and Fine Arts, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, the Law School, and the Loewenberg College of Nursing.

452.13: R. Poston announced that the Graduate School has decided to experiment with extended hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

452.14: R. Poston informed the council that the following working groups have been formed: The Out of State Tuition/GA Waiver Working Group, led by J. Kierulff, the Graduate School Website Review Working Group led by M. Kyle, and the Application Decision Letter Review Working Group led by L. Griggs. The working groups will be evaluating where there is room to improve our current processes.

452.15: R. Poston announced that International Education Week will be November 12 -16, 2018. There will be a photo exhibition in the McWherter Library and an international food tasting on November 16, 2018.

452.16: R. Poston asked if there was any other business to discuss.

There being no response she asked that all non-voting members leave the meeting the session was closed at 3:09 PM.

452.17: A student in the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders has requested a hearing regarding her termination from the program. L. Mendel provided a brief synopsis of what occurred leading up to the hearing request. Many council members had questions and there was much discussion regarding the matter. A. Curry moved (S. Lee) to vote that the case does not warrant a hearing. The motion to deny the hearing request was approved with two dissenting, and two abstentions.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Kyle.