

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes, Meeting 455

February 1, 2019

2:00 p.m., 261 University Center

PRESENT: R. Kreuz (CAS), H. Kurtz (CHEM), J. Scraba (ENGL), D. Peksen (POLS), C. Pierce (FCBE), J. Lukawitz (ACCT), T. McInish (FIR), R. Fisher (CCFA), J. Goldsmith (COMM), S. Brown (THEA), A. Hall (EDU), L. MacGillivray (ICL), S. Nordstrom (CEPR), R. Meier (ENGR), A. Curry (BIOM), A. Robinson (EECE), S. Lee (NURS), R. Fuller (KWS), L. Mendel (SCSD), L. Weiss (SHS), H. Mahbulbul (GSA), R. Poston (GS), J. Kierulff (GS), L. Griggs (GS), C. Chapell (U. COLL), Brad Harrell (NURS), M. Levy (SPH), J. Gikas (U. COLL),

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

R. Poston opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

455.3: R. Poston introduced Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal. Dr. Dhaliwal presented the council with information regarding the university's mission to achieve Carnegie One status. He noted that the university needs to increase the number of STEM PhD students enrolled.

455.4: R. Poston introduced the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools (TCGS) Thesis Award winner, Antonio Tirado. Mr. Tirado presented the council with an overview of this thesis.

455.1: C. Chapell moved (2/R. Fisher) to approve the minutes from meeting #454. The motion was carried by voice vote.

455.2: R. Meier moved (2/M. Levy) to approve the minutes from meeting #453. The motion was carried by voice vote.

455.5: R. Kreuz provided the council with an update regarding the Retention and Grade Appeal Taskforce. He noted that the group hopes to have a proposal ready by the next UCGS meeting on March 1, 2019.

455.6: R. Poston provided the council with an update on the progress made by the Catalog Admissions Language Task Force. She explained the need for the task force, citing programs such as the PharmD/MBA. L. Weiss made a friendly amendment to the proposed language revisions to the Graduate Catalog. Agreed upon new phrase reads, "In cases, where a program's accrediting body allows alternate admissions standards, exceptions may be made." C. Chapell moved (2/M. Levy) to approve the proposed changes to the catalog.

455.7: R. Poston informed the council about the need for an Accelerated Bachelors/Masters (ABM) degree task force to be created. This task force will address the confusion regarding

combination senior status versus ABM status. R. Poston also noted that the task force will address the maximum number of hours that can be accepted at the undergraduate and graduate level. This requires looking into how other THEC schools administer their accelerated programs. R. Poston asked that anyone willing to serve on the ABM task force email her at rposton@memphis.edu.

455.8: R. Poston informed the council that there is a need for the formation of a Graduate Assistant Budget Task Force. This is because the budget for GAs has not been evaluated in a long time. Each college and school should be represented on the task force. R. Poston asked the council members willing to serve on this task force to email her at rposton@memphis.edu.

455.9: R. Poston provided the council with a Spring Enrollment Management update. She congratulated the group for the 2.8% increase in spring enrollments.

455.10: J. Kierulff provided the council with an update on the implementation of the centralized application system, UniCAS.

455.11: R. Poston presented the council with information regarding the various fellowships and scholarships available. All questions should be directed to Ms. Lakesha Herring, at lsherrng@memphis.edu.

455.12: R. Poston announced that while Graduate Education Week in Tennessee is officially February 11-15, 2019 the University of Memphis will be celebrating the week of March 25-28, 2019. The point of all of the events being held is to highlight the importance of getting a graduate level degree.

455.13: L. Weiss moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the proposed new course, A USP 6207. The motion was carried by voice vote.

455.14: R. Poston announced the upcoming Professional Development Seminars and Thesis/Dissertation Workshops being offered by the Graduate Student Association and the Graduate School.

455.15: R. Poston presented the council with information about the information available on Keystone's website regarding University of Memphis graduate degree programs.

455.16: R. Poston informed the council of the Memorandum of Understanding between Rhodes College and the University of Memphis Fogelman College of Business and Economics.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Kyle.