

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES**

Minutes, Meeting 456

March 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), T. McInish (FIR), J. Goldsmith (COMM), A. Hall (EDU), S. Nordstrom (CEPR), R. Meier (ENGR), A. Robinson (EECE), S. Lee (NURS), R. Fuller (KWS), L. Mendel (SCSD), L. Weiss (SHS), H. Mahbubul (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:** J. Lukawitz (ACCT), R. Fisher (CCFA)(proxy=J. Goldsmith), S. Brown (THEA)(proxy=J. Goldsmith), L. MacGillivray (ICL) (proxy=S. Nordstrom), A. Curry (BIOM)(proxy=R. Meier)

**GUESTS:** Jingbiao Cui (Physics and Materials Sciences); Holly Derr (THEA)

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R. Poston opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

**456.1:** C. Chapell moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the minutes from meeting #455. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**456.2:** Dr. Jingbiao Cui presented the council with a proposal for a new PhD in Applied Physics. M. Levy moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the proposal for a PhD in Applied Physics. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**456.3:** R. Poston presented the council with THEA curricular revisions which were meant to be submitted with the rest of the Theatre and Dance Department's curricular requests in October. J. Goldsmith moved (2/A. Robinson) to approve the THEA curricular revisions. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**456.4:** C. Chappel presented the council with a proposed name change for the University College to the College of Professional and Liberal Studies. He noted the change has already been approved by the University Undergraduate Council. M. Levy moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the name change request. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**456.5:** L. Mendel presented the council with a new course request for A USP 6006. R. Meier moved (2/J. Gikas) to approve A USP 6006. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**456.6:** R. Poston announced a 3.55% increase in enrollments for the spring.

**456.7:** R. Poston presented the council with an overview of her recruiting trip to India in February 2019. She informed the council that they were able to grant roughly thirty conditional admissions into programs while in India and have thirty more people planning on sending in their documents for conditional admission. She noted that the real measure of success for the trip is whether or not these students actually enroll and show up in the fall.

**456.8:** J. Kierulff provided the council with an update on the implementation of the new centralized application system, UniCAS. The Graduate School is in the final stages of testing. The tentative “go live” date is set for March 7, 2019.

**456.9:** R. Poston presented the council with information regarding available fellowships and scholarships. She asked the council to encourage their students to apply.

**456.10:** R. Poston asked the council to help spread the word about the Professional Development Seminars and Thesis/Dissertation Workshops being held.

**456.11:** R. Poston informed the council that March 25-29, 2019 is Graduate Education Week. It will begin with the Student Research Forum on the morning of March 25. Students have until March 9 to submit their registration to participate and faculty judges are needed. The Spring Graduate School Information Fair will be held on the afternoon of March 25. The Graduate School will staff a table in the UC atrium on March 26. On March 27 the Graduate Student Association will host a stole ceremony and roundtable discussion. Lighting Talks will be held on March 28, featuring students speaking about their research and what they plan to do with their graduate degree.

**456.12:** R. Poston informed the council that the Grade Appeal Committee needs to convene. This means the council needs to elect two graduate faculty members and two alternates to serve on this committee.

It was proposed that the Graduate Grade Appeals Committee consist of the following individuals:

- Faculty - Kevin Berisso - UCGS
- Faculty - Bryna Bobick - UCGS
- Faculty - Roger Meier
- Student - Tiegst Ameha
- Student - Punit Kedia
- Student - Kayla Hubbard
- Chair - Lawrence Weiss

It was proposed that the following alternates may be asked to serve if an issue arises with any of the committee members:

- Faculty - Abby Parrill-Baker
- Faculty - Belinda Fleming - UCGS
- Faculty - Randy Floyd - UCGS
- Student - Joacy Mathias
- Student - Kristen Howell
- Student - Rebecca Bingham

L. Weiss moved (2/ R. Meier) to approve the slate of nominees for the Grade Appeal Committee members and alternates. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Before moving on to the last agenda item R. Poston announced that Graduate Enrollment Manager, L. Griggs, has accepted a position at UT Health Science Center. She thanked L. Griggs for his hard work and contributions to the Graduate School and university as a whole. She noted that there will be a going away party held at the end of the month.

**456.13:** R. Poston asked if anyone had any other business to address.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Kyle.