

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes, Meeting 470

January 22, 2021

2:00 p.m., online meeting

PRESENT: R. Kreuz (CAS), M. Conroy (WLL), L. Robinson (PSYC), P. Simone (CHEM), C. Pierce (FCBE), J. Lukawitz (ACCT), T. McInish (FIR), R. Fisher (CCFA), L. Charles (ART), A. Edgar (COMM), S. Zanskas (EDU), J. Byford (ICL), S. Nordstrom (CEPR), R. Meier (ENGR), A. Robinson (EECE), T. Tan (MECH), B. Harrell (NURS), A. Mary (NURS), J. Gikas (CPLS), C. Chapell (CPLS), R. Qui (KWS), L. Mendel (SCSD), L. Weiss (CHS), M. Levy (SPH), M. Harris (LBRY), M. Hasan (GSA), X. Yu (FS), R. Poston (GS), J. Kierulff (GS), B. Meredith (GS)

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Latosha Dexter, Deputy University Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel

R. Poston called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. when quorum was attained. She thanked the council members for their hard work and support of our graduate students. The increase in graduate enrollment is the result of a team effort across campus.

470.1: M. Kyle informed the council that the vote on approving the minutes from meeting 469 will be held during the February 5.

470.2: R. Poston informed the council that a taskforce has been formed to address inconsistencies in retention standards. She introduced the Deputy University Counsel, Latosha Dexter, to provide the council members with a more detailed explanation of the need for the development of a more standardized process. She noted the importance of having a cross-disciplinary task force so that all areas of study are represented. R. Poston asked that all volunteers for this taskforce email M. Kyle at marykyle@memphis.edu. M. Kyle noted that the presentation being given by L. Dexter has been added to the one-drive folder containing the meeting materials for UCGS meeting 470.

470.3: R. Poston informed the council that Graduate Student Orientation begins the week of January 25 and will be available to registered students all semester. As of January 21, 2021, a total of 316 students have registered.

470.4: R. Poston informed the council that 86 students participated in International Student Orientation. She noted that while many institutions have seen a 30% decrease in international

student enrollment, the UofM has only seen a decrease of 10 students. She thanked all those involved in the international student recruitment and enrollment process.

470.5: M. Kyle provided the council with a brief overview of how the first virtual vote on curricular revisions would function. Each Graduate Directors will present their college/school's revisions, with questions about specific proposals being held until the end of each Director's presentation. The polling function was used to obtain the voting members' responses to each motion.

470.5.1: M. Levy summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the School of Public Health. L. Mendel moved (2/C. Chappel) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the School of Public Health. The motion was approved unanimously.

L. Weiss kindly reminded the group that the person presenting the summary of changes is the person making the first motion to approve said changes. Thank you, L. Weiss!

470.5.2: R. Kreuz summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Arts and Sciences. R. Kreuz moved (2/M. Levy) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the College of Arts and Sciences. The motion was approved unanimously.

J. Gikas inquired about the possibility of arranging a meeting with the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Irwin to discuss the ability of offering doctoral level courses online. She noted that many of Doctor of Liberal Studies students are seeking an online program and she is working to increase the variety of doctoral level courses offered online. J. Gikas also informed the council that this request applies to all disciplines and is not specific to the departments housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

470.5.3: C. Pierce summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Business. C. Pierce moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the College of Business. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.4: R. Fisher summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Communication and Fine Arts. R. Fisher moved (2/S. Zanskas) to approve the

changes submitted by the College of Communication and Fine Arts. The motion was approved unanimously.

J. Gikas kindly thanked M. Kyle for preparing the curricular revision summary logs that are distributed during the annual graduate curriculum review cycle. She noted how helpful it is to have a summary of changes for each college/school. Other members expressed their appreciation in the chat window. M. Kyle was touched by the expression of gratitude.

470.5.5: S. Zanskas summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Education. He noted that the proposed Special Education Comprehensive Certificate (SECC) was incorrectly listed as part of the CEPR changes, whereas it should be included in the ICL departmental changes. M. Kyle stated she would update the log accordingly. S. Zanskas moved (2/ J. Gikas) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the College of Education. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.6: R. Meier summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Engineering. R. Meier moved (2/S. Zanskas) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the College of Engineering. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.7: L. summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Health Sciences. He thanked V. Tardugno and M. Kyle for their assistance during the Curriculog proposal submission and review process. L. Weiss moved (M. Levy) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the College of Health Sciences. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.8: B. Harrell introduced his colleague Larry Slater to the council. Next, he summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Nursing. B. Harrell moved (2/M. Levy) to approve the curricular revision submitted by the College of Nursing. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.9: J. Gikas summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the College of Professional and Liberal Studies. J. Gikas moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the

curricular revision submitted by the College of Professional and Liberal Studies. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.10: R. Qui summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the School of Hospitality and Resort Management. R. Qui moved (2/C. Chappel) to approve the curricular revisions submitted by the School of Hospitality and Resort Management. The motion was approved unanimously.

470.5.11: L. Mendel summarized the curricular revisions being requested by the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She inquired about the earliest the grading mode changes could be implemented. M. Kyle stated she would discuss this with the Registrar's Office and then proceed to enter the grading mode changes for the earliest term available. Mendel moved (2/S. Zanskas) to approve the curricular revision submitted by the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The motion was approved unanimously.

R. Poston thanked the group for their hard work in reviewing the curricular requests that were submitted.

There being no additional business, R. Fisher moved (2/M. Harris) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Kyle.