

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes, Meeting 471

February 5, 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), A. Rosen (GSA), X. Yu (FS), R. Poston (GS), J. Kierulff (GS), B. Meredith (GS)

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Lakesha Moore, Graduate School; Anna Grisham, Graduate School

R. Poston called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. when quorum was attained.

471.1: C. Chapell moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the minutes from UCGS meeting #469, held November 6, 2020. The motion was passed unanimously.

471.2: M. Levy moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the minutes from UCGS special meeting #470, held January 22, 2021. The motion was passed unanimously.

471.3: R. Poston introduce Lakesha Moore to the group. L. Moore presented the council with information regarding the 33rd Student Research Forum and how the event will function online. Anyone willing to volunteer as a judge should contact J. Kierulff.

471.4: L. Moore presented the council will a review of the deadlines for various scholarships and fellowships for graduate students. R. Poston thanked L. Moore for her hard work and devotion to helping students.

471.5: R. Poston introduce Ashely Rosen to the group as the new Graduate Student Association (GSA) president. A. Rosen provided the council with information regarding her background, as well as her plans as the president of the GSA.

471.6: B. Meredith provided the council with an update on spring enrollment data, sharing the most recent numbers from the daily enrollment tracker.

471.7: R. Poston introduced Anna Grisham to the group, who provided a presentation on the marketing efforts of the Graduate School in 2020. M. Kyle noted the highlights of the Graduate and Professional School Information Fair held in the fall of 2020. R. Poston informed the council that the Graduate School will hold virtual open house events via zoom during the spring and summer semesters.

471.8: M. Kyle demonstrated to the council where to locate the nomination information and form for the newly developed Graduate Student Spotlight feature.

471.9: A. Grisham shared data collected from UniCAS on how applicants learned about the program or university of Memphis. In addition to the university website and other websites, the data showed that faculty, alumni, and current students are also very influential in a prospective student's decision to apply. R. Poston encouraged the group to consider how we can incentivize faculty and students to spread the word about their programs.

471.13: B. Meredith presented the council with the proposed by-law changes, which entail adding a representative for the College of Health Sciences. L. Weiss moved (2/C. Chappel) to approve the by-law revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

471.14: C. Pierce presented the council with the proposal to create a MBA/MHA combination degree program. M. Levy moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the proposed MBA/MHA program. The motion passed unanimously.

471.15: C. Pierce presented the council with revisions to the MBA Healthcare Concentration entry in the Graduate Catalog. He noted that the revisions are needed to reflect current course offerings. C. Pierce moved (2/S. Zanskas) to approve the revisions to the MBA Healthcare Concentration graduate catalog text. The motion passed unanimously.

471.10: R. Poston provided the council with an update on the Graduate Assistantship budget allocations. She noted that final decisions have not been made yet.

471.11: R. Poston announced that the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools is being held online February 23-26. This conference is free of charge. The registration link is provided on the agenda.

471.12: R. Poston announced that the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools spring meeting will be held online on March 12. Once the zoom meeting link is available M. Kyle will distribute the outlook calendar invitation with the council.

471.16: R. Poston announced that the language pertaining to Accelerated Bachelors/Masters programs has been updated in the undergraduate catalog, per Colton Cockrum's recommendation to keep the university accordance with accreditation standards.

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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.