

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes, Meeting 473

April 9, 2021

10:30 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), A. Mary (NURS), J. Gikas (CPLS), C. Chapell (CPLS), R. Qi (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: B. Harrell (NURS)(proxy=M. Levy),

GUESTS: Ryan Munson, Duolingo; Matthew Haught, Journalism and Strategic Media

R. Poston called the meeting to order around 10:31 a.m. when quorum was attained.

473.4: R. Poston announced that Peggy Callahan will be the new Graduation Analyst for the Graduate School.

473.3: R. Poston introduced Ryan Munson from Duolingo and thanked him for joining him. Mr. Munson presented the council with information about the services provided by Duolingo.

473.1: M. Harris motioned (2/L. Weiss) to approve the minutes from UCGs meeting #471, held February 5, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

473.2: R. Meier motioned (2/M. Levy) to approve the minutes from UCGs meeting #472, held March 5, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

473.5: R. Meier presented the council with the changes proposed by the Transfer/Shared Credit taskforce regarding updating the language of the graduate catalog. M. Kyle presented a mocked-up version of what the graduate catalog would look like if the changes were approved. It was agreed that policy changes related to transfer and shared credit would be addressed by the taskforce over the summer. R. Meier moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the changes proposed by the Transfer/Shared Credit taskforce. The motion was approved unanimously.

473.6: Matthew Haught presented the council with a proposal for a PhD program in Journalism and Strategic Media. R. Fisher moved (2/J. Gikas) to approve the Journalism and Strategic Media PhD proposal. The motion was approved unanimously. R. Poston thanked Matthew Haught for joining the meeting to present this proposal.

473.7: M. Levy provided the council with the rationale behind the proposed change to the Urban Health concentration in the Master of Public Health program. M. Levy moved (2/L. Weiss) to approve the change to the course requirements of the Urban Health concentration in the MPH program. The motion was approved unanimously.

473.8: M. Levy provided the council with the rationale behind the proposed change to the Social and Behavioral Sciences PhD program. M. Levy moved (2/R. Meier) to approve the change to the course requirements of the Social and Behavioral Sciences PhD program. The motion was approved unanimously.

473.9: R. Poston provided the council with an update on the 2021 Student Research Forum. The winners in each category have been notified and their names posted online.

473.10: B. Meredith provided the council with an update on enrollment management. He demonstrated some useful features of the Daily Enrollment Tracker on the OIR website. R. Poston noted the importance of timely admissions decisions by the programs.

473.11: B. Meredith updated the council on the Virtual Open House hosted by the Graduate School in April. The Virtual Open House events will occur monthly, each with a different theme.

473.12: J. Kierulff provided the council with an update on Axiom, the integration software that allows data to flow from webadmit to banner.

473.13: M. Kyle informed the council of the progress being made regarding the 2021-2022 Graduate Catalog and fall 2021 courses.

473.14: R. Poston announced the two students featured in the new Graduate Student Spotlight news item. The spotlight is featured in the Research and Innovation E-Newsletter, as well as online their website.

473.15: A. Rosen updated the council on the current short-term and long-term goals for the Graduate Student Association. As more changes and improvements are made to the organization more information will be provided.

473.16: R. Poston encouraged the council members to review the materials related to the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Studies spring meeting (appendices H and I).

473.17: R. Poston and M. Kyle spoke about Graduate Education Week in Tennessee and proposed plans for updating how the event is celebrated each year.

473.18: R. Poston reminded the council that the May 7 meeting of the UCGS will be held at 10:30 AM instead of the usual 2:00 PM meeting time.

473.19: R. Poston encouraged the council to review the deadlines on the Graduate School calendar.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Kyle.