

Meeting Minutes
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
Meeting #474
May 7, 2021
10:30 AM to 12:04 PM, Zoom (35 in attendance)

AGENDA ITEMS:

474.1 Approval of minutes from #473, held April 9, 2021 – APPENDIX A: ***Vote passes unanimously***

474.3 Vote to approve [Population Hearing Health Graduate Certificate proposal](#)

certificate program: great need for this; starts Summer 2022, courses from Public Health; all online
Vote passes unanimously (with one abstention)

474.4 Vote to approve [catalog revisions to the Business Administration PhD entry](#)

can apply up to 15 credits to the PhD program when coming in with bachelors, 30 credits when coming in with a masters, one sentence addition to the catalog
Vote passes unanimously

474.5 Announcement – General Business Graduate Certificate program – Credit/No-Credit grading option

12 credits (four classes; part of MBA core), decide on all courses as grades or credit after all four courses are taken, Registrar (Darla Keel) on board
no vote (not part of catalog); RP will take this up with Nenon

474.6 Announcement – Educational Psychology and Research PhD to be offered online

Formality (sent to THEC) that the degree will also be offered online

474.7 2021-2022 Graduate Catalog update – MK

Hopes to have catalog published Monday (courses imported), will send out an email to CDs and GCs

474.8 New Academic Program Updates:

- Master of Nonprofit Management – final THEC review at July 22 meeting

online program; being promoted worldwide by ALSAC (with tuition reimbursement) presented by Sharon Wrobel and Nenon in Nashville

- Applied Physiology and Neuromechanics PhD – under review/working with THEC
- Doctor of Physical Therapy – under review/working with THEC
- Journalism and Strategic Media PhD – BOT to review on June 2, 2021

474.9 Enrollment Management, int'l student recruitment – BM

up 496 where we were last year, International enrollments up 30% (was flat last year), will accept unofficial documents (GS follow up), deadlines extended; decisions faster, waive GRE

474.10 Process to order coupon codes for application fee – BM

\$30 domestic, \$60 international normally

**BM will send info about transfer vouchers that can be purchased in bulk by departments
give the students codes, this is another recruiting tool for departments**

474.11 GSA Event: Chat with UofM Graduate Students, Why Graduate School Matters, May 19 – APPENDIX C

**86,000 alumni being invited, 70% of our grad students were UofM UGs,
five students will be telling their stories about going to graduate school**

474.12 April Graduate School Virtual Open House recap – BM

Not as busy last month

Next one: May 27 from 10 to 3: theme: GRE GMAT waivers

***send flyers and brochures which can be added to a rotating PowerPoint**

474.13 Centralized Application System (Web Admit) – Sheila Jones

- Statistics on liaison call center
- Training – exports, lists, emails, admissions best practices – May 18, 9AM - 10AM

will share present best practices

474.14 Admission decisions: Using unofficial documents

- include note to student re: submission of official documents

474.15 [Part-Time Master's Fellowship](#) deadline reminder – May 15

474.16 Review the [Graduate School calendar](#) for all upcoming deadlines

474.17 New Graduate Student Funding Process – RP – APPENDIX D

slides that RP presented to Faculty Senate

optimization of using limited funds (number of options to be more flexible)

use the same contract system

GAs, tuition only, and hourly

offer letters being drafted and will be distributed (as templates)

no reduction in GA funding

any tuition increases will be matched by Raj

474.18 Graduate Student Orientation

Lakesha polling on this: most prefer it to be online

474.19 Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Teaching Assistants

474.20 Fall Graduate School Information Fair – MK

Rhodes and CBU will be doing theirs together online

***MK leading a working group to explore this (feedback needed)**

preference for on ground? probably last or second-last week of September

474.21 May Graduation Totals – Peggy Callahan – APPENDIX E

81, down from 103

self-hooding tomorrow at commencement

***share feedback with Robin**

474.22 Thank you to members whose terms are ending

- Tom McInish – FCBE

474.23 Welcome new members!

- Todd Layne – College of Health Sciences
- Susan Nordstrom, serving another term – College of Education

474.2 Faculty Senate motion regarding representation – Xinhau Yu, Dr. Nenon – APPENDIX B

will be explored by a committee over the summer and if proposal made voted on in September

2/3rds vote would be needed to change bylaws

Nenon: parallel with UG Council rep; long-standing issue; “has been out there for ten years”

idea that the curriculum should be controlled by the Senate

Weiss: Comments from members: FS members could be ex officio? Argument that current members aren’t doing their jobs well doesn’t make sense, small colleges have only two members; FS representation would be same as them, what is current practice? Current representing to UCGS from FS is not a FS member; doesn’t present at every meeting; reports to Academic Policies committee

Task force: Ryan, Paul, Larry, Marian (other names to Mary)

DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

474.1 APPENDIX A – minutes from meeting 473

474.2 APPENDIX B – Faculty Senate motion

474.11 APPENDIX C – GSA Event Email

474.17 APPENDIX D – Graduate Student Funding presentation

474.21 APPENDIX E – May Graduation Totals