

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Meeting #479

January 28, 2022

2:00 – 4:00 PM – Zoom

Proxy:

Roger Meier – Ranganathan Gopalakrishnan

Roger Kreuz – Leslie Robinson

Melanie Conroy – Paul Simone

Larry Weiss – Todd Layne

Xinhua Yu – abstain from all votes

AGENDA ITEMS:

479.1 Vote to approve minutes from #478, held on December 10, 2021 - APPENDIX A

Collin Harris – moved to vote

Roger Meier – Second

Motion passed

479.2 Dissertation Success Inc - Tim Whitehorn and Terra Ross

Terra Ross discussed the services that they offer for dissertation/thesis writers. She provided a quick overview of the services they offer. They help students over all disciplines organize their work, coaching and feedback. Students are offered models to work from. Steve Zanskas asked for clarification between helping the students write and coaching. Terra Ross spoke on the importance of problem statement section and gave an example of what to do. Tim spoke of the ethics of their service. They let students know that they can only offer modes and access their work. They do not do the work for the students. Larry Weiss asked if they worked with the old 5-chapter style of dissertation. Terra Ross responded that they work with a variety of styles that are offered by their universities. Susan McClendon asked for cost. The cost of a 4-week program starts at \$1200. Their services are there to help the university maintain R1 status. Coaching sessions are one to one session.

479.3 Library/Tiger Scholarship Manager (TSM)/Grad School grants and funding opportunities - Michael Harris

Michael Harris – created a page on the library’s website to provide places to find sources for grants, scholarships, and funding opportunities to help students. The idea was to get all the information in one place for easy access for the students. He encouraged council members to send any new funding sources to him to add to the page. Michael is leaving UofM to work at the University of Colorado. He introduced Leslie Collie who will take his place.

479.4a Vote to approve Curriculog agenda for Fogelman College of Business & Economics

Kurk Kraiger – discussed the curriculum proposals for FCBE

Spoke in detail about the inactivation of the MBA Executive concentration due to low enrollment.

Kurt – motion to approve

Steve Zanskas – second

Motion passed

479.4b Vote to approve Curriculog agenda for Herff College of Engineering

Roger Meier discussed the curriculum proposals.

Roger – motion to approve

Michael Harris – second
Motion passed

479.4c Vote to approve Curriculog agenda for Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality & Sports Management

Rui Qi discussed the curriculum proposal presented for the vote.
Rui – motion to approve
Joanne Gikas – second
Motion approved

479.4d Vote to approve Curriculog agenda for School of Communication Sciences & Disorders

Lisa Lucks discussed the curriculum proposals presented for vote.
Lisa Lucks – motion to approve the vote
Larry Weiss – Second
Motion approved

479.4e Vote to approve Curriculog agenda for College of Education

Steve Zanskas discussed curriculum proposals presented for the vote.
Steve Zanskas – motion to approve the motion
Joanne Gikas - second
Motion approved

479.4f Vote to approve Curriculog for School of Public Health

Vikki Nolan discussed curriculum proposal presented to the vote.
Vikki Nolan – motion to approve the vote
Larry Weiss - Second
Motion to approved

479.5 Marketing and Outreach – RP

Robin Poston presented data for fall and spring enrollment. Spring enrollment is up for international students. Robin discussed the various enrollment fairs that she attended. Discussed the success of the UofM fair. She discussed the various forms of advertisement that we have used (radio, TV, social media) to promote graduate programs. Students can self-nominate in Tiger Spotlight and can be featured in the Highlight magazine. The students are featured in the “Highlight” magazine.

479.6 Spring Student Orientation – LM - APPENDIX B

Lakesha More shared the numbers for Spring 2022 Student Orientation.

479.7 Introduce Kiersten Brockman - Graduate Student Association President – LM

Lakeshia Moore introduced the new Graduate Student Association president, Kiersten Brockman. Kiersten spoke of her happiness to be in the position.

479.8 Slate Implementation

Robin Poston – In January 2022, Slate started to build graduate applications. Slate will supply an end-to-end student journey system. All student interactions and history will be tracked. All program information in UniCAS will be built into Slate. Robin asked the colleges to provide any new programs that they will want added to Slate.

Steve Zanskas agreed that one system is better than using multiple systems.

Lisa asked how well Slate would communicate with individual CAS systems.

Joanne asked if Slate would have the same features as UniCAS.

Roger asked for clarification on how test scores will be handled. Robin will follow up with the answers when they are available.

479.9 Fall graduation numbers - PG

Peggy Callahan - 521 degrees were certified for fall. She is still accepting numbers for spring.

479.10 Spring enrollment – OIR Report – BM

Brian Meredith discussed the positive number of new international students and the positive impact of international enrollment for the University. Discussed strong enrollment for STEM programs. Looking for ways to diversify enrollment marketing. Open houses will start in February for Summer and Fall.

479.11 Director of Graduate Student Support Services Position

Robin Poston discussed a new search for the position and the interview process will narrow the search down to 2 people. Robin thanked Jim for staying with the university until his position is filled.

479.12 International Student Orientation – RL

Rebecca Laumann presented the numbers for international students. Most of the students come from India, but there are students from China, Mexico, Bangladesh, Nepal, Canada, Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam. 400 students registered. Over 300 stayed all day. Discussed activities to help students become familiar with Memphis. Encouraged programs to offer suggestions to help students. Creating a portal to allow staff to work with international students.

479.13 Other business

No other business

Meeting Adjourned at 3:46PM

Distribution Items:

479.1 - 478 meeting minutes

479.4a-e [Curriculog Agenda](#): UCGS Curriculum Vote – January 28, 2022

479.6 - Spring Student Orientation