

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Meeting #480

March 4, 2022

2:00 – 4:00 PM – Zoom

480.1 – Vote to approve 479 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve - Robin Poston

Second - Kurt Kraiger

Minutes passed unanimously

480.2 - Tennessee Conference of Graduate School Thesis Award – RF

Presentation by UofM's Taylor Akerman. Taylor 's thesis is the winner for the Social Sciences, Business, and Education category, 'Para Social Relationships in Social Media: A Comparative Study of Instagram Posts by Celebrities and Micro-celebrities/Influencers'.

480.3 - TCGS Virtual Meeting March 11, 1 – 3PM – RP

Robin Poston discussed the upcoming TCGS meeting and invited everyone to attend the virtual meeting.

480.4 - Student Research Forum - LM

Lakeshia Moore discussed the plans for the 34TH Annual Student Research Forum on March 28,2022. The forum will be held in person at the UC and virtually. Registration is open until March 17, 2022.

480.5 - Census Data – BM

Brian Meredith discussed the census of enrollment management. Graduate enrollments continue to rise. This year's number is 4579 and expected to continue to grow due to international student recruitment efforts. Recognized International Student Service office work on the I-20's and immunizations.

480.6 - Navigating Graduate Student Success – RP

Robin Poston discussed moving forward with the 4 items submitted. The series will kick off on March 16th. The presenters, dates and times are Kurt Kraiger host best practices for Graduate Students. Faculty also needs to be engaged in the process. The goal is to have a speaker present for 20 minutes and 40

minutes of questions and answers. Robin will send an email of 18 items and welcome feedback and questions.

- **March 16 (Wednesday) at 1:30-2:30 pm** Best Practices in Mentoring Graduate Students, Session Speaker – Dr. Kurt Kraiger, Interim Associate Dean, Academic Programs & Research, Fogelman College
- **March 25 (Friday) at 1:30-2:30 pm** Mental Health and Self Care for Graduate Students: How to Identify Issues and Help, Session Speaker – Dr. A Paige Pirkey, Research Scientist, Social Work
- **April 8 (Friday) at 1:30-2:30 pm** Appreciating International Cultures and Diversity of our Graduate Students, Session Speaker – Dr. Annapoorna Mary
- **April 22 (Friday) at 1:30-2:30 pm** Tapping Talent: Identifying Future Graduate Students, Panelists - Melissa Pupa, Marie van der Merwe, Chrysanthe Presa, Max Paquette, Albert Okunade

480.7 - Dissertation Writer's Retreat – LC

Leslie Collie discussed the Dissertation Writer's retreat. This year's theme is "Looking Ahead after the Dissertation." The retreat is virtual. Students can also reserve a quiet space in the library if needed. Leslie asked the council to encourage students to attend for assistance.

480.8 - Duolingo updated terminology about sub scores – JK

Jim Kierluff- Shared concerns about the scores that were questionable. Concerned that vast difference between sub scores indicates cheating. Suggested language added to test scores that 80 percent is good for sub areas to maintain integrity. Jim will provide language for the website.

480.9 - New Director of Graduate Student Services – RP

Robin Poston - Informed the council that Todd Deese was selected as the new Director of Graduate Student Services

Other Business:

OnBase Document Retention Project - JK

Jim Kierluff - Discussed OnBase task clean-up plan to prepare for moving documents from Slate. Waiting on State to set standards for document record retention. Jim provided examples of reasons why long-term student records should be retained. We need documentation to be extended to 17 years instead of the current 5 requirement. When state changes standards, Graduate programs will need to retain documents for the determined state time which will be the new standard. If anyone has an issue with the proposed new standard to contact him to discuss.

Distribution Items:

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TCGS Spring Meeting Information