Council on Graduate Studies
Minutes
September 15, 2020
The September 15, 2020 meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies was held virtually at 2:00 pm via Zoom.
Members Present: Dr. Lee Patterson, Dr. Nikki Hillier, Dr. Peter Liu, Dr. Jim Bruehler, Dr. Beth Gill, Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Kevin Anderson, Ms. Shannon Watkins
Members Absent:
Staff Present: Ms. Lori Henderson, Dean Ryan Hendrickson
Guests: Paul Abraham

I. Approval of the Sept 1, 2020 CGS Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Gill motioned to approve, Dr. Hillier seconded, council approved minutes by acclamation.

II. Communications:

College Curriculum Committee Minutes:

III. Approved Executive Actions
01. EA-CLAS-20-40, Memo from Dean Cornebise requesting format change to BIO 4834, 5434
02. EA-CLAS-20-41, Memo from Cornebise requesting format change to CSM 4980, 4985
Dr. Liu motioned to approve, Dr. Anderson seconded, items approved by acclamation.

IV. Items Added to the Agenda:

V. Items Acted Upon-
01. 20-19, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Eric Davidson
02. 20-20, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Jennifer Cannon
03. 20-21, Waive associate faculty status limitations for Brian Mann
Council members reviewed these items and agreed to vote on them as a group. Dr. Edmonds-Behrend motioned to approve all the items, Dr. Hillier seconded, council approved unanimously.

VI. Items Pending:

VII. Other Items:
Paul Abraham from HERC presented on the importance of promoting the flu shot clinic. He asked that faculty promote the clinic to their students noting that with the pandemic it will be critical for people to receive a flu shot. He is producing a short video that will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. A form to be added to the mailing list is here
https://eiu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dbqtwHEYduuj0xL

Discussion on assessment continued with Chair Patterson requesting a subcommittee to review the graduate learning goals. The subcommittee members are Chair Patterson and Vice Chair Hillier along
with Dr. Gill and Dr. Edmonds-Behrend; Dean Hendrickson will also serve. The survey results from last year were emailed to the entire Council and this subcommittee will consider a new survey.

VIII. Committee Reports:
- Library Advisory Board – Andrew Kerins: no meeting
- Graduate Student Advisory Council - Lori Henderson: First GSAC meeting went well, exec board election happening this week, next meeting will include a presentation from Counseling Clinic
- Enrollment Worx- Dean Hendrickson will start updating on this committee
- Honorary Degree – Kevin Anderson: no meeting
- Textbook Rental Advisory- Jim Bruehler volunteered to be the CGS rep

IX. Dean’s Report: The dean will remain the rep on EWrox and report back to Council. GEER funds have been awarded for scholarships for low income, minority, or first gen grad students, an application will be developed in Academic Works. Fall 2020 grad enrollment a success with strong growth in online programs. The Alumni Mentor program is gearing up and coordinators are encouraged to make matches. Career Services has implemented the Handshake platform. The new VPSA, Dr. Anne Flaherty, has asked to meet with the dean, please let him know if there are any issues you would like discussed. Accelerated program participation has dipped, would like to see those numbers go up. There are 4 First Choice programs due for renewal, would like to postpone due to pandemic and take this time to evaluate the future of the First Choice program.

Dr. Bruehler motioned to adjourn, Dr. Edmonds-Behrend seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
– CGS Minutes recorded by Lori Henderson

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