

## Graduate Council Summary Report for April 27, 2017

Submitted by Jennifer Ann Morrow, chair & Mehmet Aydeniz, chair-elect

- The Graduate Council approved minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2017.
- Committee reports were heard from:

**Academic Policy** – no report. The April meeting was cancelled

**Appeals** – no report. There are no appeals to report at this time.

**Credentials** – The minutes from the April 20, 2017 meeting were discussed. There were 22 applications submitted for review. One was automatically approved due to tenure of the applicant. Twenty-one were reviewed and approved. The GC approved the report.

**Curriculum** – The minutes from the April 6, 2017 meeting were discussed. CEHHS submitted three proposals for program changes. One proposal from ELPS was tabled; they will resubmit in the fall. One proposal from ELPS on revising admission requirements for the CSP major was approved. One proposal from EPC regarding dropping the rehabilitation counseling concentration was approved. The GC approved the report.

- Vice-Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Dixie Thompson, discussed items from the Graduate Associate Dean Report:
  - Reminded faculty to remind their departments to finalize graduate applications
  - discussed issues with policies and procedures for students whose native language is not English (ELLs). These policies and procedures will be reviewed started this summer by the Graduate School and will be brought to the Academic Policy committee in the fall.
  - Announced that the process for Graduate Certificates would be implemented starting in Fall 2017
- Vice-Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Dixie Thompson, discussed new business:
  - Announced we are conferring about 800 degrees in May
  - At this time applications are slightly down but confirmed and enrolled students are up; won't know till August what are actual numbers are

- Is offering recruitment grants to departments; deadline is in June for applications
- We will be reviewing the credentialing process starting this summer. These policies and procedures will be reviewed and modified by the Academic policy and Credentials committee in the fall
- The Graduate Student Senate President, Shalini Yerukala, gave an update:
  - The new GSS President is Sergio Bedford
  - Announced that the first Graduate Student Senate Awards Breakfast was a huge success. 350+ attendees, 200 nominations, and 100 awards given
  - GSS awarded 159 students travel monies; average amount was \$472
  - Highlighted the variety of events for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (1<sup>st</sup> week in April)
  - Announced new officer positions that they hope will increase awareness and student leadership within GSS
- Graduate Council Chair, Marian Roman, discussed:
  - Thanked everyone for a great year
  - Announced that Jennifer Ann Morrow is the new chair as of August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - A secret ballot election for chair-elect was conducted. Mehmet Aydeniz was voted unanimously to be our new chair-elect

Link to 4/27/17 meeting minutes: [http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk\\_gcminutes/92/](http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_gcminutes/92/)

Link to Graduate Council Website: <http://gradschool.utk.edu/faculty-staff/graduate-council/>