

Graduate Council Summary Report for November 30, 2017

Faculty Senate Meeting

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

- The Graduate Council approved minutes of the meeting of October 26th, 2017.
- Committee Reports:

Academic Policy:

- APC received a proposal to revise the policy for Final Examinations for Non-Thesis Students. The new policy allows academic units the option to determine whether or not a comprehensive exam is required. APC voted and unanimously approved the revised policy. The Graduate Council unanimously approved the revised policy.
- APC received a proposal to revise policy to allow graduate students to repeat a course for the purpose of repeating a grade. APC brought this proposal to GC for feedback. The policy is going back to APC for further discussion.
- The Graduate Council unanimously approved the APC report.

Appeals:

- No appeals to review.
- Appeals is currently working on revising the policy language for appeals.

Credentials:

- Two applications were submitted for review.
- Both were approved.
- The committee is currently working on creating a document that outlines the new process for credentialing. They plan on submitting this to GC in the spring.

Curriculum:

- The committee received proposals from CEHHS and the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- The committee also reviewed the list of courses not taught in the past 4 years.
- The Graduate Council unanimously approved the Curriculum report.

- **Student Faculty Research Awards Committee:**

- They received 45 applications and 14 were funded for a total of \$54,211.00.
- An additional 5 proposals were funded using carry-over money.
- Spring applications are due on 2/7.

- **New Business**

- No new business.

- **Vice-Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Dixie Thompson:**

- Graduate hooding ceremony is 12/14.
- Dean Thompson reminded us of the call for proposals for graduate recruitment.

- The call for fellowship nominations has been emailed.
- The Academic standing report will be run on 12/19.
- The 3MT competition is coming up soon.
- We are currently previewing the Graduate Blueprint. This data tool will be very helpful to programs.

- **Faculty Senate President, Beauvais Lyons:**
 - The FS Budget and Planning Committee is looking at graduate student stipend levels.
 - He thanked Dean Thompson and Provost Zomchick for their communication about the tax reform bill.

- **Graduate Student Senate President, Sergio Bedford:**
 - They had a postcard writing session regarding the tax reform bill.
 - 150 students completed letters to our area congressmen.
 - They received 220 travel awards. Decisions regarding these awards will be sent out soon.
 - The graduate and professional student appreciation week is the first week of April.

- **Graduate Council Chair, Jennifer Ann Morrow:**
 - OIT will not be renewing Qualtrics and instead is negotiating a contract with Survey Gizmo.

- **Items from the floor:** None

Link to 11/30/17 meeting minutes: http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_gcminutes/

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