

## **Graduate Council Summary Report**

### **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting – 4/23/18**

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

#### **Summary report of the Graduate Council, March 22, 2018**

- The Graduate Council Minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting were approved electronically.
- Committee Reports:

#### **Academic Policy:**

- Yvonne Kilpatrick summarized the 2017 working group results for the language in the Graduate Catalog concerning English Proficiency and English Certification. These revisions are editorial and not policy-related. She will work with Mary Albrecht to discuss these edits.
- The English Proficiency and English Certification working group brought forward a proposal for modifications to text within the English Proficiency sections of the Graduate Catalog.
  - APC voted and unanimously approved these changes.
- Dr. Thompson mentioned:
  - 1) For those students that fall within the range of possibly needing additional English help, we will develop a strategy in our Office of Graduate Admissions to notify students of the availability of English 122 and encourage them to register.
  - 2) The Graduate Admissions webpage will also publish this information.
  - 3) We will communicate this change to CIE.
- The Graduate Council unanimously approved the proposals and the APC report.
- A point was brought up regarding another proposal that had been sent to the APC but was not moved forward regarding Residence requirements for Graduate Students.
- Dr. Stehle stated that they would revisit this again at the next APC meeting.

#### **Appeals:**

- The Appeals committee received an appeal. They will meet soon to discuss.

#### **Credentials:**

- No report. Next meeting is 3/29.

#### **Curriculum:**

- No report. Next meeting is 4/5.

- **Vice-Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Dixie Thompson:**
  - Thanked everyone for their participation and response in the online voting of our Graduate Council minutes.
  - We will create a Procedures Manual for the Graduate Council. This will be a project for AY 2018-2019.
  - Awarding of fellowships is underway.
  - The Graduate Blueprint is available at [data.utk.edu](http://data.utk.edu). Here you can find information on admissions and enrollments. Additional modules will be available soon.
  
- **Graduate Admissions, Greg Tipps:**
  - CollegeNET is coming to campus on 4/2.
  - Changes to your online application should be sent to him by the end of April.
  
- **Graduate Student Senate Vice-President, Jamie Greig:**
  - A new non-discrimination statement is posted on the GSS website.
  - The GSS created and signed a resolution to oppose the FOCUS act.
  - Many events for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation week. Please promote in your departments.
  
- **Graduate Council Chair, Jennifer Ann Morrow:**
  - Marian Roman and I have been speaking with members regarding nominations for Chair-Elect.
  - We have one member who is considering the position, David Patterson. If any others would like to run please email us prior to the next meeting.
  - Survey software update: Qualtrics may be extended to May 2019, still trying to finalize this contract.
  - New vendors are currently be reviewed as the contract with SurveyGizmo fell through.
  - Hopefully we will have a new provider by the end of this semester.
  - The next meeting is 4/26/18.
  
- **Items from the floor:** None

Link to 3/22/18 meeting minutes: [http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk\\_gcminutes/](http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_gcminutes/)

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