



Graduate Council

Agenda—Thursday, September 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Conference Room WAB 227

Members Present: Alex Lebedinsky, Helen Liang, Ray Blankenship, Martha Day, Sarah E. Ochs, Aaron Hughey, Dominic Lanphier, Diane Marie Lickenbrock, Carl Dick, Ann Ferrell, Marko Dumancic, Richard Dressler, Adam West, Scott Arnett, Cheryl Davis, Casey McKinney, Katie Wheeler, Mary Madison Lyons,

Members Absent: Cheryl Hopson, Jessica Johnson

Guests: Cheryl Stevens, Cate Webb, Merrall Price, Scott Gordon, Colette Chelf, Lisa Meyers, Joanna Patton

1. Call to Order *Ann Ferrell
2. Guest: Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

*Provost Stevens summarized the efforts of the Dean Search Committee/White Paper Committee last academic year and responded to questions from Council members regarding the upcoming search for an Associate Provost for Research & Graduate Studies. *Provost Stevens discussed her take on President Caboni's thoughts regarding graduate studies, research, and grants. She told President Caboni we do need an OSP person. *Provost Stevens shared information on the search firm and the search committee, and she asked Ann Ferrell to represent the Graduate Council on the Search Committee. *Provost Stevens said she would imagine we would have to have a Director of the Graduate School and a Director of Sponsored Programs for daily tasks. She said that previous leaders have gotten bogged down with administrative tasks. There are plans to implement software packages to help with record keeping and admissions. She said that she would imagine there would be an Associate Provost, a Director of OSP, and a Director of the Graduate School. She added that they might move some people around to different places; however, she wasn't sure exactly what that would look like. *Provost Stevens said we might have candidates on campus in January and a potential start date of July 1, 2020. *Provost Stevens said she would check to see if someone on the Search Committee had a background in distance learning. *Provost Stevens said that internal candidates would be considered. *Carl Dick requested that Ann Ferrell keep the Graduate Council informed on the search.

3. Consideration of August, 22, 2019 minutes (Appendix A, including Graduate Dean's report)
*Dressler/Dick; approved

4. Graduate Enrollment Report (Appendix B)

*Scott Gordon shared that we are down in students from Kentucky and master's students. *Cate Webb requested the number of JUMP students. Gordon said he would look for that data.

5. Committee Reports

a. Graduate Council Executive Committee

*Ann Ferrell shared that the Graduate Council still needs to fill the CHHS student spot and Senate Representative spot. Also, she will follow up on the SGA representative.

*Ferrell informed the Graduate Council that she would be at a conference in October. Aaron Hughey will be filling in for her next month.

b. Policy Committee: No report

*Carl Dick said the committee would be working with Cheryl Davis regarding policy issues.

c. Research Committee: No report

*Dominic Lanphier stated that the first Research Grant deadline is September 18th.

d. Curriculum Committee: (Appendix C)

*Martha Day made a motion to approve the Curriculum Committee report; approved.

*The next Graduate Curriculum Committee meeting is being moved to October 8th due to Fall Break.

6. Report from Dean of the Graduate School

*Cheryl Davis announced that September 18th is also the first deadline for Travel Grant requests.

*September 27th is the Information Session for Graduate Program Coordinators.

*Davis is looking forward to working with the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee will be looking at clarifying the criteria for Graduate Faculty Status. Graduate Program Coordinators and Graduate Advisors need to have Graduate Faculty status.

7. Public Comments

*Carl Dick encouraged people interested in policy to communicate with the Policy Committee.

8. Announcements & Adjourn *Dumancic/Lebedinsky; adjourned