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**Graduate Associate Deans
Minutes – January 9, 2020**

Members: Dixie Thompson (Vice-Provost & Dean), Gale Fulton (for Katherine Ambroziak, Architecture & Design), Todd Moore (Arts & Sciences) Virginia Kupritz (Communication & Information), David Cihak (Education, Health & Human Sciences), Bruce Behn (Haslam College of Business), Charlie Noble (Haslam College of Business), Paula Schaefer (Law), Mary Gunther (Nursing), Ozlem Kilic (Tickle Engineering), Holly Mercer (Library),

Ex Officio & Guests: Yvonne Kilpatrick (Graduate School), Sara Bradberry (Graduate School), Sean Hendricks (Graduate School), Ernest Brothers (Graduate School), Millie Cheatham (Graduate School), AnnaMaria Murphy (Graduate School)

Welcome & Approval of Minutes – Dixie Thompson

Minutes Approved

Graduate School Updates – Dixie Thompson

Graduate/Professional Student Mental Health is a topic of concern for all of us, and something you will be hearing more about. Last semester we had a system wide discussion. Dixie attended a session at the Council of Grad Schools recently, and this morning she met with members from our campus to brainstorm about what we can do on-campus. We need to make sure faculty, staff, and students know what resources are available. Also, while we don't have counseling center services for online students, there are online resources available that our students may not know about. We want to make sure we are sharing that information. The Graduate Student Senate meets tonight and we anticipate additional discussions there, as well.

Posthumous Degrees – we are having conversations across campus about these and other forms of acknowledgement. We want to make sure Graduate and Professional Students are recognized in addition to undergraduate students in these discussions.

Hooding – Fall Hooding was a wonderful event. Camera Foster gave a great address! Dixie will be sending out the call soon for our speaker for spring.

GPSAW is coming up. March 30 – April 3. We will be sharing more information soon. If you are planning events, please let us know. We are talking with our partners across campus to plan a variety of opportunities for our graduate and professional students; hoping to see some that will focus on the mental health arena.

Fellowships - Dixie will be sending out an email on Monday; we have additional money to give out. As always, some students do not return for the 2nd half of their fellowship and funds begin to accumulate. It is at a point now where we can distribute some of that. It will have to be used this spring, but colleges can determine how to distribute. Also looking to distribute additional Access and Diversity funds. All of that information will be distributed next week.

Academic Policy Committee Updates – Dixie Thompson

Graduate Restart Program – Dixie distributed the draft proposal for a policy designed to assist graduate students whose cumulative UT graduate GPA is below a 2.0 to re-enroll in a graduate degree or certificate program after at least 3 years elapsed time from their former enrollment.

APC meets this afternoon and we will be talking about this at today's meeting, and then at Graduate Council.

This program would give an opportunity to erase the previous coursework from a GPA perspective, while keeping the courses on the transcript.

Data Reporting – Yvonne Kilpatrick & AnnaMaria Murphy

In the last few years we have attempted to provide data to departments and colleges. We recognize that there were data needs that did not load into the Graduate Blueprint from Admit, and with our move to Slate, we hope to now be able to capture some of that data. Each of the Associate Deans should have received a preface email to this topic today seeking information regarding specific data points to make sure they are incorporated into Slate. Please let us know the types of data you anticipate needing.

Dixie mentioned that in regards to the Blueprint, the success module is where we are now. We are hoping that as the Center for Career Development aligns under the Provost, we will see new approaches for gathering data on exiting students to better align our goals in this area.

GPSPD Update – Ernest Brothers (Graduate & Professional Student Professional Development)

Handouts distributed. We have two upcoming events this spring, "What's Your Work About" and "Strategic Planning for Your Life." Right now we have them capped at 30, and there are about 5 seats still available. These are multi-session workshops. There have been questions about an online presence and we hope to have deliverables perhaps by Fall.

Dixie asked that the Associate Deans help us share the information, and continue to point people to our website and/or social media for additional information on GPSPD opportunities.

Dixie also mentioned she has begun hosting a Cookies & Conversation for graduate and professional students monthly during the remainder of the semester in the Graduate Commons. Encourage students to participate if they would like an opportunity to meet with her one-on-one. You'll be seeing more information on those sessions to come.

Graduate Education Week – Ernest Brothers

The Governor has issued a proclamation declaring Feb. 9 – 15 "Graduate Education Week." Think of activities you would like to have for your own college and departments. This is another vehicle to promote advocacy for graduate education. The Graduate School will be hosting an event that week: "Graduate Education 101: The Application Process on Feb. 12 in the Student Union."

Dixie shared that Karen Etcorn will be the system point person on graduate and professional education. They are meeting Monday to discuss what the system can do to help us. What are some of the things you would like to be able to do, or to see the Graduate School do? Are there

events we could coordinate on or help get the word out on? Maybe we can somehow repackage information (like on our Cheek Nominees) to highlight the work being done.

3MT – Sean Hendricks

Semifinals are upon us. Please let Sean know when you have them scheduled (when & where). Sean sent out technology guidelines with information you will find helpful (re: breakouts, timer, judges, etc.). Also a reminder that the judges will need a room in which to deliberate that is separate from the competition. We do have packets that we can provide for the semifinalist judges. Sean will re-send the email that includes all those details.

Dixie, we are charging all 12 of our finalists to bring 10 people from their college. The competition will be Wednesday, April 1 @ 1:30.

Closing – Questions about the new budget model

It was noted that as we switch to the new budget model, there are questions about how it might impact graduate fee waivers and fellowship monies. Non-tuition units also wonder what it will bring. Discussion followed, and Dixie shared that there are a number of meetings and open forums that will be held this spring to discuss concerns and share information.

No additional items; meeting adjourned – 3:15 pm.