Clayton State University Graduate Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 2, 2020

Committee Members Present: J. Celeste Walley-Jean (Presiding), D. Attick, K. Campbell, S. Copeland, N. Gause, J. Hain, J. Kitchens,

S. Maddox, C. Magnant (by phone), M. Stegall, T. Womack

Committee Members Absent: R. Fuqua (M. Stegall as proxy), A. Kurt, T. Mcllwain (M. Stegall as proxy), E. Nagel, K. Nipper (non-voting),

G. Nteff (K. Campbell as proxy), D. Wells (student M. Trice as proxy)

Guests: M. Trice (proxy for D. Wells), C. Wise

Agenda Item	Discussion	GAC Action/Resolution/Tasks
1) Called to order at 2:05 p.m.		
2) Reading & Approval of the Minutes a) February 10 Meeting	Question: Are revisions needed since Dr. Pinar Gurkas' status was not renewed? Answer: No revisions necessary, since approval was noted as "contingent on second publication".	2a) Unanimous approval of February minutes
3) Old Business a) Readmission Appeal Process	3a) Discussion: Clarification regarding re-admittance in to a different program, following academic suspension. Note: Students suspended from their program must submit the Remediation Plan before reentering in to their original program. Suspended students, entering in to a different program, must apply for that	3a) Dr. Walley-Jean will revise the Readmission Appeal Process document to correct some information in the "Readmission Appeal Committee" section regarding readmission in to a different program. As well as, distribute the final document. GAC members will review said documents, for a vote in April.

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4) New Business a) Graduate Faculty Applications (Note: Please ensure applications are complete before submission) i) New: None ii) Renewals: (1) Deborah Deckner-Davis (CAS)	Discussion program and follow a different process. Discussion: Currently, there is no appeals process for students who are denied admissions. There will be further discussions and decisions made on admission criteria in future GAC meetings. 4) New Business a) Graduate Faculty Applications i) New: None ii) Renewals (1) Deborah Deckner-Davis (CAS) Concern: Dr. Deckner-Davis only has one publication, and needs two to meet the requirement. Address: In 2019 alone, Dr. Deckner-Davis has received over \$200,000 in grant funding due to her proposal efforts. Note: GAC may want to formalize other criteria options, such as grant writing or other scholarly activities, to substitute	4) New Business ii) Renewals (1) Deborah Deckner-Davis (CAS) GAC committee agreed Dr. Deckner-Davis' grant proposals and funding is equivalent to a second publication. Unanimous approval for Full status of Dr. Deckner-Davis.

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(2) Susan Copeland (CAS)	additional publication requirements. (2) Susan Copeland (CAS) Dr. Copeland was asked to leave the room and did not participate in the voting process.	(2) Susan Copeland (CAS) approved for Full status
b) Admissions Appeal Process (https://catalog.clayton.edu/admissions- information/undergraduate-admissions/denial- admission/	b) Admissions Appeal Process Questioned the best process to creating a policy. Create an Ad Hoc committee, draft a policy, or review and adjust the CSU Undergraduate Appeal policy? The appeal process will only contain concrete, accessible, identifiable and objective criteria. (i.e. GPA, test scores, etc.)	b) Dr. Walley-Jean will draft Admissions Appeal Process policy and obtain the feedback from all GAC members. GAC members are asked to send any suggestions, questions, or concerns about an appeals process to Dr. Walley- Jean.
c) Spring Hooding Needs	c) Spring Hooding Needs In two weeks, Commencement committee needs names for: Speakers, Banner Carrier, Reader(s), and Hooders.	c) As the CSU staff member with the most seniority, Tom Mcllwain will be asked to be Banner Carrier. Dr. Walley-Jean will email the rotating Commencement Committee members for their list of names for Speaker, Reader(s), and Hooders. Pay close attention to the deadline.

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5) Announcements a) Future Decline in Enrollment	Announcements a) Future decline in Enrollment Statistics suggests, in five years or so, there will be a decline in enrollment. Programs will need to think and develop a strategic plan on ways to attract older students. (i.e. Dual- degrees, new programs, etc.)	5) a) Programs are asked to send plans/ general ideas, on how to increase enrollment, to Dr. Walley-Jean by Friday April 3, 2020. Note: These plans should not require new resources.
b) Dr. Maddox stepping down as Graduate Director	 b) Dr. Maddox is stepping down as Program Director, but will remain on GAC committee through the Summer Semester. His replacement is currently in negotiations and will shadow in upcoming GAC meetings. 	b) None
6) Adjournment		Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.