

Graduate Council Report to Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee February 10, 2021

This report includes the activities of Graduate Council (GC) since our last report on December 14, 2020.

Since the start of the spring semester, the 2020-21 Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC) met two times. We continued our work on two policies, the Graduate Student Leave of Absence and the Short-term Leave of Absence. We finalized a document for graduate faculty on tips and reminders for submitting curriculum and program changes. It will be distributed to graduate faculty this week.

The 2020-2021 Graduate Council also met two times since the start of the spring semester. At our January 26 meeting, we received an update on COVID-19 operations from Dr. Amy Thompson. The COGS Dean, Barry Scheuermann provided an update on graduate student funding and some information on the RCM model in relationship to COGS. As we listened and discussed, it was apparent we needed a shared understanding of RCM. Dean Scheuermann suggested inviting representatives from the Huron Group.

At our February 9th meeting, we began by sharing the news of the unexpected loss this week of Dr. Tameka Gray El, our colleague in the College of Nursing. Dr. Gray El served as program director for the APRN programs and as a leader within and outside UToledo. She directly worked with Graduate Council by serving as a member of the Academic Standing Committee. To assist in creating a shared understanding of the RCM, we were joined by Tyler Jantz and Tim Walsh of the Huron Group, as well as Brenda Grant, Sabrina Taylor, and Provost Bjorkman. We acknowledge and thank Provost Bjorkman for her assistance in scheduling the presentation. Mr. Jantz and Mr. Walsh provided an informative presentation and responded to many questions posed by GC members. Our meeting closed with a report from our Graduate Faculty Membership Chair and our Curriculum Committee Chair. We approved several course modifications, new course proposals and program changes, and 8 new graduate certificates in the College of Business and Innovation.

Respectfully,

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