

Graduate Council Report to Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee April 14, 2021

This report includes the activities of Graduate Council (GC) since our last report on February 10, 2021

The 2020-21 Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC) meet on a biweekly basis. We continued discussion of two policies, the Graduate Student Leave of Absence and the Short-term Leave of Absence. At our March 30th GCEC meeting, we were joined by Mike Dennis, UToledo Treasurer and Shelia Stewart, UToledo Bursar to explain the proposed changes to the student payment system beginning fall 2021. We shared the potential challenges for our graduate assistants both domestic and international if graduate students are dropped due to no payment, that is exacerbated by the fact that graduate assistantship tuition waivers may still be in process and GA stipend paychecks are not issued until after the semester begins.

At our February 23rd meeting, we recognized the ten recipients of the GSA Research Awards. We were joined by Provost Bjorkman who led a discussion about the College of Graduate Studies within the new RCM model. Following the meeting, with guidance and assistance from the Provost we started organizing a Task Force to Examine the RCM-driven Re-imagining of COGS.

At our March 9th meeting, Heather Huntley, Director of University Accreditation and Program Review and Scott Molitor, Professor and Chair of University Academic Program Review Committee provided an update and overview of the Academic Program Review process and a summary of common themes identified across reviews. GC also shared the names of the individuals selected for the Task Force to Examine the RCM-driven Re-imagining of COGS and the goals for the committee. The charge of the Task Force and appointed members are included on pages 3 and 4 of this report. The committee's is working intensely in order to present their findings by early May to GCEC and then GC for comment, revise based on feedback and then present to the Provost by late May.

At our March 23rd meeting, Alana Malik, University Assessment Director provided an update on the new University Policy on Assessment of Student Learning and recent changes to the process and assessment template; she also responded to questions. Maryam Sedique, JD and Assistant Director of Employment-based Immigration Services provided an informative presentation about changes in H-1B Nonimmigration status, permanent resident and other immigration updates and responded to questions.

At our April 6th meeting, we recognized the 3MT Thesis Presentation 1st place, 2nd place/Runner Up, 3rd place and Honorable Mention winners. Terri Green, Coordinator of the competition provided a recap of the event. Llew Gibbons, JD and Distinguished University Professor in the College of Law & Research Integrity Office and RSP Advisory Member in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs updated GC on the Research Misconduct Policy. Finally, GCEC

members briefly shared information obtained from our March 30th meeting with Mike and Shelia regarding the change in the student payment system and shared our plan to provide more detailed information at a future meeting.

Our Curriculum Committee (GCCC) was and still is extremely active reviewing numerous course modifications, new course proposals, and program modifications. Our Membership Committee will provide a summary report of their activities at final meeting in May.

Before we end session for the year, Mike Dowd, Associate Professor and Co-Chair of the Academic Dishonesty Policy Committee will provide an update on the revision of the policy and Denise Bartell, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success will provide an update on the work of the Teaching Center Task Force. Finally, at our final meeting on May 4, we will hold elections for our Vice Chair and our five GCEC members for 2021-2022. Dr. David Giovannucci will serve as our GC Chair for 2021-2022.

Respectfully,

Submitted by Wendy S. Cochrane, Ph.D., UToledo Graduate Council Chair, 2020-2021

Task Force to Examine the RCM-driven Re-imagining of COGS

Member of Task Force

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Task Force to Examine the RCM-driven Re-imagining of COGS. The Task Force is comprised of a representative from each College, a GSA rep, and several Ex Officio members. The work of the committee will begin now and should conclude near the end of spring semester.

RCM is a transparent, decentralized, approach to budgeting that promotes outcomes valued by the University and expressed in the strategic plan. The Task Force will examine how COGS managed/operated as a centralized academic service center and as a collaborative and inclusive unit when the Colleges are considered the revenue generating unit in this model by clarifying the structure and function of the COGS - more specifically,

1. identifying 3-4 potential organizational plans for the COGS under the RCM budgeting model,
2. identifying areas for improvement in recruitment and admissions, student affairs, finances and budgeting and administrative support and this could be either through changes in processes and/or job descriptions (tuition waivers), and
3. reviewing the extent to which shared governance of graduate programming is accomplished between COGS and Graduate Council

Task Force to Examine the RCM-driven Re-imagining of COGS

College or University Affiliation	Committee Members
Arts and Letters	Beth Schlemper
Business and Innovation	Gary Insch
Education	Rebecca Schneider
Engineering	Samir Hefzy
Health and Human Services	Shery Milz
Law	Geoffrey Rapp
Medicine and Life Sciences	Jason Huntley
Natural Science and Mathematics	Brian Ashburner
Nursing	Larissa Barclay
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Wissam Aboualawi
Graduate Studies (Ex Officio)	Teri Hayes Mary Main
GSA Representative	Abigail Dewire
GCEC Representative* Chair	Jerry Van Hoy
Other Nominees (Ex Officio)	Amy Thompson
Other Nominees (Ex Officio)	Bill Ayers
RCM Committee/NSM (Ex Officio)	Jamie Fager

