

MINUTES OF GRADUATE COUNCIL OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL MEETING

September 19, 2019

DUC 276, 4 PM

Graduate Council Chair William F. Tate, Dean of the Graduate School started the meeting at 4:01 pm.

- I. Dean William Tate: welcome/introductions of members.

The following topics (**in bold**) on the agenda were approved individually and unanimously:

- II. **Approval of April 25, 2019 minutes**
- III. Dean's Report: Graduate Education admissions update, raised questions about recruiting of Top 10 universities and top 10 Liberal Arts, HBCUs, and HSIs. More fellowships, highly ranked faculty, higher win rate.
Goals:
 - Target-top national and liberal arts institutions
 - Recruit-URM students
 - Learn-From MFA programs
 - Enhance- fellowships
 - Grow-elite mentors
 - Discussions:
 - Globally ranked schools and how we rank against them
 - ABRCMS- Biomedical Research Conference and getting a larger budget for graduate school recruitment
 - Might form a new committee for recruitment
- IV. **Approval of candidates for advanced degrees, August 2019**
- V. **Approval of new courses**
- VI. **Discussion/Vote for new PhD Program in DBBS in Cancer Biology**
- VII. Graduate Student Senate Introduction
 - Over 700 attendees
 - End of February there will be a Research Symposium
 - Metro-Reimagined
 - Academic Careers/Alternative Careers
 - Mental Health awareness/discussion
- VIII. New Business
 - Working on extending Bearly Drivers program to graduate students
 - Increased awareness of safety concerns/committee formed
 - Try to form a group for learning how to recruit URM students
 - Possibly ask Chancellor to speak to Graduate Council

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Erin Gemmell, Graduate Council Co-Recording Official 2019-2020.