Graduate Council Minutes
April 23, 2020 4 pm
Via Zoom
Graduate Council Chair William F. Tate, Dean of the Graduate School, called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

I. Welcome and Introduction – Dean William Tate, Chair of Graduate Council
Dean Tate thanked everyone for their attendance and noted the extraordinary times that we were in due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

II. Approval of February 13, 2020 minutes* - William F. Tate
Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Dean’s Report – William F. Tate
Dean Tate reported on the latest Graduate School admissions cycle. There were 5110 applications; 16.6% of students were accepted. There was also a large number of students applying for Fellowships.

IV. Approval of candidates for advanced degrees, May 2020 – William F. Tate
Candidates were approved unanimously.

V. Approval of new courses -Angela Wilson - Graduate School Registrar
Courses were approved unanimously.

VI. Proposal/Approval for PhD in Biomedical Informatics and Data Science- William F. Tate
The degree proposal was approved unanimously.

VII. Graduate Student Senate Report - Thomas Howard – PhD student, English and Rebecca Jordon – PhD student, Germanic Languages and Literature
The GSS Co-Presidents named the recipients for Outstanding Faculty and Staff Awards and hoped to have a ceremony in the fall.

VIII. New Business - Search for interim Graduate Dean is ongoing. Graduate student stipends will continue in fall. Previously accepted incoming graduate students will still be joining us (timing will depend on department). Plans are being drafted to plan for students who work in labs to be able to resume research, hopefully this summer.

IX. Adjournment

Good Luck Dean Tate!
The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.
The minutes were prepared and respectfully submitted by Erin Gemmell, Graduate Council Co-Recording Official 2019-2020.