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***Faculty Senate Report***

**Graduate Council**

**November 6, 2019**

*Respectfully submitted by Dr. Irene Pittman Aiken, Dean*

NOTE: The Graduate School moved to a new location, across from the Library (Old Infirmary)

The Graduate Council met on October 21, 2019. Below are items believed to be most relevant to Faculty Senate:

* Visitor presentation: As part of The Graduate School initiative to focus on mental health of graduate students, LynnDee Horne (from CAPS) shared information with the program directors how to recognize signs of depression and/or mental illness and how to interact appropriately with a student who exhibits signs of depression, anxiety, or distress.
* Graduate Faculty Nominations – the following graduate statuses were approved:

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| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Degree** | **Dept** | **Program** | **Status** | **CV** | **Votes** |
| Freeman | Latricia | MSW | Social Work | MSW | Prof Aff |  | 17-0-0 |
| Jacobs | Mary Ann | PhD | AIS | Social Studies Ed | Full |  | 17-0-0 |
| Martin | Amanda | MSW | Social Work | MSW | Prof Aff |  | 17-0-0 |
| McDougald | Zavery | MSW | Social Work | MSW | Prof Aff |  | 17-0-0 |

* **Graduate School Items/Report**
  + Recruitment
    - Dr. Bumin and Emily Oxendine provided some useful ideas to PDs (quick responses to applicants/prospects, “Ask Dr. \_\_” button and other means to personalize communication; program-specific communication plan) and shared draft program director email from the PSC program.
    - Dr. Bumin encouraged PDs to set up an appointment with Jodi Phelps to discuss recruitment and to let Dr. Aiken or Emily know so one of them could attend the meeting as well.
  + Dr. Bumin reminded Graduate Council members that Dr. Aiken will be sending an invitation to PDs to discuss 2020-21 recruitment plan and estimated enrollment goals.
* Announcements/Reminders
  + Remaining Grad Council Meetings for 19-20 academic year: UC Annex 203 at 3:00 pm, November 18

Graduate Council is moving to Library 212 (time remains at 3 pm) for January 27, February 17, March 16, and April 20 of 2020

* + Graduation Application Deadlines: March 1 for Fall 2020 graduation, October 1 for spring 21 graduation
  + Graduate School Spring Commencement: 7:00 pm, GPAC, December 6, 2019