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**Graduate Council**

***Faculty Senate Report***

**February 5, 2020**

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

The Graduate Council met on January 27, 2020. Below are items believed to be most relevant to Faculty Senate:

* Graduate Faculty Nominations – the following graduate nominations were approved:

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| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Degree** | **Dept** | **Program** | **Status** | **CV** | **Votes** |
| Metoyer | Carol | DNP | Nursing | MSN | Adjunct |  | 16-0-0 |
| Dongre | Leigh | PhD | Counseling | CMHC | Adjunct |  | 16-0-0 |
| Kennedy | Stephen | PhD | Counseling | PSC | Adjunct |  | 16-0-0 |
| Lloyd | Meredith | MS | Counseling | PSC | Prof Aff |  | 16-0-0 |

* **Program Proposal – MSA – approved unanimously (16-0-0)**
  + Remove one guided program elective and reduce contact hours from 39 to 36 for the overall program
  + Rationale: The proposed change will streamline the curriculum and align with other Educator Preparation Programs (UNC and independent). The proposed changed will eliminate one of the two current guided electives, resulting in a 36-semester hour program.
* **Graduate School Items of Interest**
  + The Graduate school is now accepting nominations for The Graduate Faculty Mentor Award ($500)
  + The Graduate school is now accepting nominations for Graduate Student Tuition Scholarships (eight $1000 scholarships)
  + Graduate students may apply for travel awards: $500 for presentations, $250 for research travel

Graduate Research Symposium and Open House

* Three ways for students to enter: 1) Poster session, 2) 3MT, or 3) essay competitions.
  + Poster session winner: $250, second place $150, third place $100
  + 3MT winner: $250
  + Essay winner: $250
* Selected participants will be invited to participate in NC Graduate Education Day in Raleigh.
* Faculty and staff are invited to 1) encourage student participation in the competitions, 2) attend in support of students, 3) invite interested students and others to the Open House

*Thanks to the* *Office of Energy Management & Sustainability Programs for their sponsorship.*

* Reminders
  + Remaining Grad Council Meetings for 19-20 academic year (in UC Annex 203 at 3:00 pm): February 17, March 16, and April 20
  + Graduation Application Deadlines: March 2 for Fall 2020 graduation, October 1 for spring 21 graduation