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\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Wojtowicz greeted council members and guests.

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The initial deadline for fall 2020 thesis and dissertation submissions was Wednesday, November 25, 2020 for a degree conferral date of Saturday, November 28, 2020. There was discussion about moving this deadline to allow students more time to get their work submitted. There are currently no updates on winter term. However, it is possible students can wait to have their degrees conferred at the end of winter term. If this is the case, a second degree conferral date will not need to be created for fall graduates. This raised question about tuition implications, but there are no final answers. Winter term is expected to extend from Monday, December 7, 2020 to Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Solidified dates will soon be announced.

cannot register for courses until they are on campus. For students choosing to enroll as an online student for fall 2020 and come to campus in spring 2021, directory information needs to be changed and new VISA documents need to be reissued. I-20s for VISA applications are permitted to be scanned and sent. The VISA Office is carefully tracking students, so departments should relay any information about students to VISA. A fact sheet will be sent out to graduate administrators with clarifying information on international student requirements.

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Minutes from the Thursday, June 11, 2020 meeting were approved.

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- Contact Keith Pierce ([klpierce@odu.edu](mailto:klpierce@odu.edu)) if there are any stories on graduate education that can be published.
  - Due today, July 9, 2020.
  - Due next Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Videos will be separated by college.
  - The presentation portion of the GTAI Institute will be in Zoom format. Reply by July 31<sup>st</sup> if interested in volunteering to be a faculty evaluator.

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Career Pathways will be put on hold this year due to the increase in faculty teaching workload. Events from the past year are now available online for students to access. There is hope the program will get fully running again in 2021–2022.

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Language was added to section D1 to approve extensions to a tenure-seeking faculty member's probationary period to automatically extend their graduate certification by the same period. Language was also added to section D2 to indicate when the University offers an extension of the probationary period for tenure, graduate certifications will be automatically extended by the same length of time for all faculty. There was discussion about the language. It was suggested to add language for section D2, "Under circumstances that hamper the performance of all scholarly and/or creative activity (e.g., a public health emergency) the Provost of designee may extend the duration of graduate certifications for all faculty." Section D1 was approved with deleting the word "normally" to un-contradict extraordinary. Policy language was then approved by committee

All forms were updated to include boxes to check if a committee is being changed. Language will b-7 (a)4(c)4(u)-(as)-15

