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Prof. Aaron Beedle, School of Pharmacy, asked where graduate curricula would go for approvals. Provost Nieman said approval will now go from the department, to the faculty committee at the school level, to EPPC, to Faculty Senate Executive Committee, to the Faculty Senate.

Prof. Andrew Walkling, Theatre, asked if one was elected to Graduate Council for a two-year term and was not a graduate director after one year, could they still remain a member of the Graduate Council. Provost Nieman answered that yes, it would be

Matter committee and this is the resolution they developed. She also noted that the Senate approved a resolution earlier in this academic year putting social justice and equity concerns in our curriculum. This is much more focused on Black Lives Matter and anti-racism. FSEC has agreed to endorse.

After no discussion, the motion to endorse the University Faculty Senate resolution was put to a vote via Zoom. It was endorsed by 55 approved, 3 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

d. Brightspace

Paula Russell, Senior Director of Center for Learning and Teaching and Andrea MacArgel, Director of Instructional Design in Center for Learning and Teaching, presented the information regarding the transition to a new learning management system, Brightspace. Faculty may use this for the summer session, which is optional. Brightspace will be fu 5506108.0202.73 505.30 formati

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Andrew Scholtz, Classical and Near Eastern Studies, noted that there was a concern about re-authentication; we hope that that will be addressed in the near future. Paula Russell noted that there has been walk-in assistance in the Learning Studio.

Prof. Scott Craver said that there was some confusion about having to change over this month. This has been pushed to August as there was a concern that this is a critical time of the year and changing now may interfere with classes and exams. Moving it to August 1 gives everyone an opportunity to set Brightspace up on their own time over the summer. However ITS does want to be sure that no one changes over at the last second.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Present: Seden Akcinaroglu, Jeffner Allen, Laura Anderson, Nathanael Andrade, Allan Arkush, Michael Armstrong, Serdar Atav, Aaron Beedle, Kimberly Brimhall, Paul Chairot,