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final candidates to campus when the campus returns to full capacity on May 10th but approval has not yet been given.

The offices for Graduate Admissions and the Graduate School and International Services in SSB have been defined as two distinct locations. What was previously the Graduate School office is now only Graduate Admissions and the Graduate School now shares a location with International Services across the hall.

The members discussed if they should also adopt a similar policy that would still allow departments to decide if they wanted to require test scores. Applicants could also still decide to submit their test scores when not required. This change would help international applicants since arranging to take the test can be difficult and cost-prohibitive. It was asked if the council needed more information to make an informed decision or if they should vote. Phillip Ligrani suggested that a vote be taken and felt the change was appropriate and it still allowed departments to decide their option. Yeqing Bao noted that departments would need to provide all requirements so applicants could understand what was needed to be competitive. Jason O'Brien suggested UAH should adopt the same policy as written by UA. It was further discussed how well, if any, the entrance exams predicted a student's success and it was expressed that it didn't provide much incremental predictable validity and even less predictability in research-based programs. It was felt that providing ongoing student support after enrollment was a better predictor of success and this will hopefully be provided in the new Graduate School structure. A motion was made by Jason O'Brien to accept the statement and it was seconded by Joseph Conway. The members unanimously approved.

#### Alabama Asset

The program was once again discussed. A summary of the program was described, including the potential to combine approved certificates from other state universities so individuals may create a master's degree that is personalized, particularly focused on aiding the needs of the Alabama workforce. It was emphasized that these micro-credentials would still have UAH's normal approval process and be approved by ACHE. This type of interdisciplinary program already exists at UAB. It was decided that the Graduate Council would like to review a draft proposal so they could fully evaluate the potential program.

#### Council of Graduate Schools Statement

CGS provided a statement of principles and commitments desired by all graduate schools, with many of the values supporting mental health and wellbeing for graduate students. There was a motion to approve the statement and become a signatory by Jason O'Brien and seconded by Joe Conway. The motion passed. The "CGS Statement of Principles and Commitments on Graduate Student on Mental Health and Wellbeing" will be available on the CGS website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.