

Graduate Council Minutes

Friday, November 6, 2020

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Attendance: Deb Benton, Gordon Brooks, Geoff Dabelko, Charlotte Elster, Kaelyn Ferris, Andrew Fodor, Andrea Frohne, Pete Harrington, Sara Helfrich, Arthur Hughes, Janet Hulm, Lesli Johnson, David Koonce, Joseph Lee, Sally Marinellie, Brian McCarthy, Greg Newton, Patrick O'Connor, Shawn Ostermann, Luke Pittaway, Beth Quitslund, Erik Ramsey, Carol Schaumleffel, Katie Tadlock, Amid Vahedi, Morgan Vis-Chiasson, Kelley Walton, Charlotte Yang, and Lijing Yang

Excused: Ann Frymier, Paul Jones, Andy Ray, Assan Sarr, and Joe Shields,

Convened: The meeting convened at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes for the October 9, 2020 meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Chair's Report: Gordon Brooks

Nothing to report

3. Graduate Student Senate Report: Kaelyn Ferris

There was change in representation from Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Jacob Hain resigned from GSS and Amid Vahedi will be representing GSS on Graduate Council.

4. Remarks by Associate Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce

David shared the following updates.

- a. A new staff member, Jan Harmon, has started in the Graduate College. Help us welcome her.
- b. Regularly scheduled Grad Chairs meetings are back by popular demand. We are meeting every other week. Let Becky know if you have not received the invitation and wish to be included.
- c. Applications for 2020-2021 are running strong. Currently, 2,000 applications have been received, an increase of 13% from last year. Note, some of these applications were deferrals from fall term.
- d. For your information, students from Ghana will likely defer until next fall (2021).

- e. As a result of the new spring academic calendar, new I-20s need to be issued for international students planning on coming in spring. This may cause a delay with the international team.
- f. For your information, after the announcement of the new spring academic calendar, some online programs announced there will be no change in their start dates. This may result in questions about and complications with some deadlines.
- g. To date, the Graduate College does not have any new information on Graduate Merit Scholarships, although discussions have commenced with Legal Affairs. Any decisions will be communicated to graduate chairs and associate deans.
- h. Last spring, the Graduate College modified TAD requirements. Students were offered an extension without a need to register. This modification will not be an option for spring term 2021.

5. Remarks by Assistant Dean of the Graduate College: Katie Tadlock

Katie shared the following update. The Office of the Registrar has confirmed that students can complete incompletes through the entire spring term.

6. Remarks by Graduate College Faculty Fellow: Beth Quitslund

Beth has been in contact with those still needing to complete graduate curriculum clean-up. In summary, Beth has concern about a couple of programs. The remaining eight (8) need to get through UCC this term.

As for accelerated pathways, both psychology and sociology have expressed interest.

7. Bridge/Curriculum Committees: Sara Helfrich

Sara updated the council on the following. This update is merely informational and requires no council action.

Expedited moving forward to UCC on Nov. 17th:

- CTOAMG Graduate Certificate in Operations & Supply Chain Management
- MS8162 Master of Science in Athletic Administration
- MS8112 Sports Administration
- MS8161 Sports Administration

Notifications: Program Suspensions moving to UCC on Nov. 17th

- CTTTWWG Transition to Work Certificate (Patton College)
- MS6327 Professional Tennis Management (Patton College)

8. Program Review Committee: Lijing Yang

Nothing to report.

9. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Pete Harrington

Pete announced the need to get information out about MAGS Teaching Award and Pete appealed to GSS to advertise. Kaelyn agreed to assisting with this and Becky will forward the informational link to Kaelyn.

10. Policies and Regulations Committee: Greg Newton

Greg updated the council on the committee's discussion surrounding graduate students with appointments retaining their tuition scholarship after resigning post week two (2) of enrollment. The committee discussion centered on their concerns about making a policy change unless there is a trend in this behavior. Since it appears to be a rare occurrence, the committee recommended staying with the current policy.

The council agreed to the committee's recommendation.

11. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Luke Pittaway

Luke introduced the following student's conflict of interest case for the council's review:

Kirsten Dabelko. Per Luke, the committee recommends enrollment approval.

Graduate Council accepts the committee's recommendation.

Katie asked the Recruitment and Admission Requirements committee to consider if a PharmD should be consider having a bachelor's equivalent. To inform the committee, Katie volunteered to collect information from the CGS list serve about this and will share the findings with the committee.

12. Old Business

Nothing to report

13. New Business

The Graduate College requires documentation by all applicants of any post-secondary work. Our approach may be disadvantageous to first-generation students. Unless applicants report a behavioral dismissal, do we care if they were dismissed for not finishing a prior degree?

The council assigned this item to the Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee for consideration and discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.