Graduate Council Minutes
April 9, 2021

Attendance: Deb Benton, Gordon Brooks, Geoff Dabelko, Charlotte Elster, Kaelyn Ferris, Andrea Frohne, Ann Frymier, Pete Harrington, Sara Helfrich, Arthur Hughes, Janet Hulm, Paul Jones, David Koonce, Joseph Lee, Sally Marinellie, Brian McCarthy, Greg Newton, Beth Quitslund, Erik Ramsey, Carol Schaumleffel, Joe Shields, Katie Tadlock, Amid Vahedi, Morgan Vis-Chiasson, Charlotte Yang, and Lijing Yang


Convened: The meeting was convened at 3:02 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2021 meeting
   Action – Minutes approved.

2. Chair’s Report: Gordon Brooks
   Graduate Council will meet next on April 30, 2021.

3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Kaelyn Ferris
   GSS is wrapping up the year. Elections are done. Kaelyn was re-elected as president. A new vice-
   president was elected and the run-off for treasurer wraps up April 12th.
   GSS just finished Graduate – Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW). Thanks to all
   who assisted.

4. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields
   Joe congratulated GSS on a well done Graduate Professional Student Appreciation Week.
   Joe thanked all those who assisted with another successful Three Minute Thesis.
   Joe also announced the completion of another Student Expo. This year the Student Expo was held
   virtually and included 300 plus presentations.
   Joe reminded the council of changes in graduate commencement which will include hooding of
   those doctoral students who RSVPed to Event Services and have completed the Thesis and
   Dissertation (TAD) Services process.

5. Remarks by Associate Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce
   a. David announced a new initiative introduced by the Chancellor’s Office. OHIO
      University is calling this initiative Encore OHIO. The purpose of this initiative is to
      recruit back/keep the state of Ohio’s best talent in state and not charge them non-resident
surcharge for those returning to Ohio. Identifying them is difficult plus the differential tuition has made this more complicated than expected. In overview, if an applicant earned an undergraduate degree from a recognized Ohio institution and then moved out of state, these applicants will pay a resident surcharge if they admitted to a graduate program.

b. David also introduced the idea of changing the timeframe of when 3MT is ordinarily held. At OHIO University the competition has been held in February, but this timing excludes winners from advancing to regional and national competitions. David sought comments about changing the competition to December. The council members are supportive of trying this for the next year.

c. David asked Becky to summarize the upcoming orientation plans. Becky shared the following:

   i. The online Graduate Student Orientation (GSO) module will continue as executed in the last few years and will continue to be required for all incoming graduate students.

   ii. The in-person GSO will be scheduled as four (4) 2-hour in-person events focusing on more interaction between and making connections with other graduate students. Three of these in-person GSO events will be held on the Thursday before classes begin (Thursday, August 19th). The fourth event will be held the first week of classes (the date will be announced once established) and will give those arriving late a chance to participate. The change in approach comes because of the anticipated need to reduced density as we re-open post-COVID and supports recommendations from the last few years’ evaluations.

   iii. The Teaching Assistant Orientation will be a single 2-hour event on the Thursday, August 19th.

   The council supported these changes.

d. The 2021 – 22 TAD deadlines have been determined, were circulated to the council via email, and have been posted on the Graduate College web page.

e. David updated the council on application numbers. Applications are up 3.5% from last year.
f. The Graduate College is working with others to migrate applications from CollegeNET to SLATE. The preliminary go live date is June or July 2022.
   i. The application is in SLATE now and we are working to get integrations.
   ii. CollegeNet and Slate will run simultaneously until we are ready to fully launch SLATE.
   iii. There are some challenges we are trying to resolve, and we will let you know if we need more information from you. Please note, we will need to know teaching modalities for programs.

g. As a result of the elimination of Academic and Global Communication (AGC, formerly ELIP), OPIE will have courses this fall for non-native speakers of English. David will share course numbers when known.

h. For your information, Iranian students are having difficulty getting visas and may be delayed. We are quickly approaching the date where they may need to consider deferring to a future term.

6. Remarks by Assistant Dean of the Graduate College: Katie Tadlock
   Katie offered additional information about commencement. Commencement is scheduled for 9 AM on Friday, April 30th. Hooding will occur and doctoral students are allowed an escort. Confirmation will occur a head of time. Only those who RSVPed with Events Services can participate. This will be an outdoor ceremony and seats will be spaced apart in Peden Stadium. If doctoral students do not have an escort, the provost and dean of their college will hood them.

7. Remarks by Graduate College Faculty Fellow: Beth Quitslund
   a. Beth updated the council on the progress of the Higher Education Council (HEC) – Pakistani program. Beth has been contacted by 140 students. 66 of these 140 were invited to apply. April 15th is the application deadline. The entire process needs to conclude by end of April. Beth is thinking OHIO University may have as many as 30 – 40 of these students in the fall.
   b. Beth seeks updated catalog information and recently sent information to those she is waiting on. She will be sending additional information soon.

8. Bridge/Curriculum Committees: Sara Helfrich
   New Programs
Arts & Sciences
- CTX99G Certificate in Craft Brewing
  - 9 credit hours

Scripps College
- MSXX07 Master of Communication
  - 30 credit hours (6 hours of core courses (new courses); 24 hours of electives (23 options to choose from (20 existing, 3 new))

**Action – Updating council only. No feedback needed from the council.**

Changes
College of Business
- MB6155 OMBA with Executive Management Concentration / MB6160 PMBA with Executive Management Concentration
  - Replace one course for another; no impact on required credit hours
  - Note: Connie was going to clarify codes before moving it forward, no concerns with the changes
- MS8112 Master of Sport Administration / MS8149 MSA MBA Program
  - Increase the number of required courses while decreasing the number of electives and practicum hours (no overall change to total credit hours (36)); add several 1-hour special topics courses that address critical current sport business and management topics
  - May need to go to the state for approval (appears to be a 58% change); David will follow up

**Action – Updating council only. No feedback needed from the council.**

Graduate Catalog Cleanup
Patton College of Education
- ME6276 Higher Education
- PH6276 Higher Education
- ME6275 College Student Personnel

**Action – Updating council only. No feedback needed from the council.**

9. Program Review Committee: Lijing Yang
- Civil Engineering Review
  - *Action – Program is viable, and the committee had no additional feedback for UCC.*
  - Council supports the committee’s assessment of the program review.

- Linguistics Review
  - The committee finds this program is viable. The committee has deep concerns about the
elimination of Academic and Global Communication (AGC, formerly ELIP). The committee sought Graduate Council support initiating a letter to faculty senate requesting the reinstatement of AGC.

Council comments included the following:

- GSS, too, expressed concerns about the elimination of AGC and supports its reinstatement.
- Faculty members are not equipped or trained to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) training and/or are not necessarily writing experts.
- College of Arts and Sciences may not be the right location for these services.

Action – The council supports the committee’s finding that the program is viable. The council has deep concerns about the elimination of AGC (formerly known as ELIP) and supports drafting a statement to go to faculty senate asking for a reinstatement on AGC.

10. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Pete Harrington

Pete announced the following award recipients:

Named Fellowships
- Dominic Ysidron – James Cady Fellowship
- Kira Slepchenko – Donald Clippinger Fellowship
- Heather Matthys – Claude Kantner Fellowship
- Ivan Mosley – Anthony Trisolini Fellowship
- Samuel Gutherz – Graduate College Fellowship

Presidential Medals
- Valeria Garrido – Master Student Medal
- Yahya Al-Majali – Doctoral Student Medal

11. Policies and Regulations Committee: Greg Newton

This committee has been discussing the use of PR grades for thesis and dissertation sections. David Koonce surveyed 10 other institutions around the state about how they handle PR grades for thesis and dissertation sections. There seems to be a plurality or slim majority of institutions who are practicing the same approach. Deb Benton offered history on how PR grades are being handled across other courses. Based on this information, the committee does not have any
recommendations for change at this time but will keep discussing this. Please note, the Office of the Registrar does not make academic policy and will continue to work with the Graduate Council on this issue.

12. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Luke Pittaway

**Recommend clearance, no mitigation necessary**
- Sara Armstrong,
- Ivy Crockron,
- Bernhard Debatin,
- Regina Johntony,
- Kathryn Leeman,
- Jill Nice,
- Suraiya Padiyath Abdulla,
- Anna Pierre,
- Elizabeth Wanless

*Action – Council supports the committee’s recommendation.*

**Recommend clearance with specified mitigation**

Kelly Coakley

*Action – Council supports the committee’s recommendation.*

Craig Davis

*Action – Council supports the committee’s recommendation.*

Elizabeth Fallon

*Action – Council supports the committee’s recommendation.*

Michael Kennedy

*Action – Some discussion around this COI and additional information will be presented at the next meeting.*

Candace Vlasak

*Action – Council supports the committee’s recommendation.*

**Summer Conflict Reviews**
Recommendation: Identify Graduate Council members who have summer contracts (e.g., Associate Deans) and delegate to them the ability to accept mitigation plans and clear cases. Suggest a minimum response of five for cases that are circulated.

Any cases deemed by the summer reviewers to be too entangled between employment and academic roles may be deferred for Graduate Council review upon reconvening in the fall. For a fall admission, deferment will require the employee to delay program matriculation to a subsequent term.

*Action – Council supports the committee’s proposal for those on summer contracts to consider any COI cases over the summer. This group’s review would be considered a provisional review and the final review would occur at the first Graduate Council meeting in the fall.*

13. Old Business

   Nothing to report

14. New Business

   Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.