

## **Graduate Council Minutes**

February 11, 2022

**Attendance:** Deb Benton, Melissa Bowlby, Gordon Brooks, David Brown, Geoff Dabelko, Charlotte Elster, Andrew Fodor, Dakota Fox, Andrea Frohne, Ann Frymier, Joseph Gbandi, Daniela Grijalva, Allyson Hallman-Thrasher, Arthur Hughes, Lesli Johnson, Neil Littell, Brian McCarthy, Greg Newton, David Nguyen, Kimberlee Orben, Beth Quitslund, Thomas Raimondi, Andy Ray, Assan Sarr, Carol Schaumleffel, Joe Shields, Katie Tadlock, Kelley Walton, and Joseph Ziorklui

**Excused:** Peter Harrington, Janet Hulm, David Koonce, and Jessica Wingett

**Convened:** The meeting was convened at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes for the January 21, 2022 meeting  
*Council action: Minutes approved*
2. Chair's Report: Gordon Brooks  
Gordon announced that Graduate Council should plan to meet via Teams for the March 4 meeting.  
Gordon contacted Faculty Senate about our vacancies and asked if those vacancies will be filled. Gordon plans to update the group once he hears back.
3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Joseph Elikem Kofi Ziorklui
  - GSS is working with COVID Operations to get masks to graduate students.
  - GSS is committed to professional development, so has planned a leadership training for those in GSS.
  - GSS will be sponsoring an award for the Student Expo.
  - GSS is in the planning stages of the Graduate and Professional Student Appreciate Week and hope the event can be in person. The plan is that this event will be held the first or second week of April
  - GSS will provide a certificate of service for those who have served on GSS.
4. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields  
Joe reminded the council members of the Student Expo scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022. There are a finite number of presenter spaces so encourage students to register. The registration deadline is February 20, 2022; however, the space often fills early.  
Since we met last, OHIO has been designated as a Carnegie R1 institution. Graduate education is very important component of that designation, so keep up the great work with students particularly with doctoral student completion rates.
5. Remarks by Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College: Beth Quitslund  
The Graduate College will be resuming normal office hours starting next week on Monday, February 14, 2022.  
The recent Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp went well. Nineteen graduate students

participated attended and two-weekend event was well received. We hope to move forward with more boot camps in the future and these participants will serve as champions for the upcoming events.

Three policies, the Continuous Enrollment Policy, Leave of Absence Policy, and Standards of Work Policy, have been introduced to faculty senate and will be up for consideration during their March meeting.

Enrollment is slightly lower this year than last. Fall 2021 enrollment was at 5405 while Fall 2020 enrollment was at 5431; Spring 2022 enrollment on census day was 5331, while Spring 2021 enrollment was 5460.

In terms of applications, current applications are down 7.7%. Although international applications are up, domestic applications are down.

As a result of the increase in international applications, the Graduate College is overly busy with application processing. International applications are far more time consuming and with the increase in international application numbers, the staff is quite busy.

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

Graduation application deadline February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage students to apply by the deadline. They can apply late but will be assessed a late fee.

7. Remarks by Graduate College Faculty Fellow: Allyson Hallman-Thrasher

The work on next year's catalog will commence soon.

The initial HEC/Pakistan student application deadline is quickly approaching, and another round will likely occur in March.

The OHIO Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee launched two surveys to graduate students and faculty members. Please encourage the completion of the surveys.

8. Committee Updates

a. Bridge/Curriculum Committees: Gordon Brooks

i. NEW PROGRAMS/ CERTIFICATES

CTX28G: Media Tools for Professional Communication

*Council action: No concerns expressed by the council members*

b. Program Review Committee: Charlotte Elster

*Nothing to report*

c. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Pete Harrington

Deadlines for Presidential Graduate Student Medals (Friday, February 18, 2022) and Named Fellowship (Friday, March 4, 2022) are coming soon. Please nominate students for these awards.

d. Policies and Regulations Committee: Greg Newton

*Nothing to report*

e. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Andy Fodor

Recommend admission

**Monica Minnick (Chapman)**

*Council action: Council approved the committee's recommendation for admission.*

Recommend admission with provisions

**Julie Cohara**

*Council action: Council approved the committee's recommendation for*

*admission as presented.*

Recommend admission with provisions

**Jody Monk**

*Council action: Council approved the committee's recommendation for admission with the provision that Jody will not be working on any Russ courses while a student in the program.*

9. Old Business

*Nothing to report.*

10. New Business

*Nothing to report.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.

## **Appendix A**