Graduate Council Minutes  
Friday, December 10, 2021


Excused: David Brown, Andrea Frohne, Arthur Hughes, Kimberlee Orben

Guests: Gerry Krzic and Becky Challenger

Convened: The meeting was convened at 3:01 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes for the November 5, 2021 meeting  
   Council Action: Approved

2. Chair’s Report: Gordon Brooks  
   Becky has requested reserving rooms for Spring, although they haven’t been approved yet. Looking for a room where hybrid in-person/online. Rooms in McCracken have more space.

3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Joseph Elikem Kofi Ziorklui  
   November last meeting for fall semester. Will reconvene Jan 18. $1000 to help students during winter break. Minority commission to promote D&I. NAGPS – OU has 5 directors on board.

4. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields  
   3MT – Success!  
   Names Fellowships – due to budget reductions, now are reduced stipend to $2000. Using the rest of the funds to fund 1) travel fund. From $500 to $750. 2)Student enhancement awards.

5. Remarks by Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College: Beth Quitslund  
   Graduate College hours during break: 10-3  
   TAD bootcamp – Kelly Broughton, Becky Bushey-Miller, Talinn Phillips, and Cynthia Tindongan are coordinated. December cancelled due to low registration. January and February scheduled on weekends in hopes to have more participants. (Charlotte Elster requests info on target audience. Wants to know about help).  
   EPSA is reviewing the things approved last meeting, then to faculty senate.  
   DARS programming continues. Voinovich and HSP done. Scripps almost done. (Charlotte Elster asked how DARS will handle exceptions. Beth says each unit will
decide.

6. Remarks by Assistant Dean of the Graduate College: Katie Tadlock
   Commencement. Indoors. Check in is in Grosvenor Hall. De-densify the convo.
   Below 3.0 report will go out before winter break.
   Graduate College office has experienced reduced walk-in traffic.

7. Remarks by Graduate College Faculty Fellow: Allyson Hallman-Thrasher
   None

8. Update on replacement for the SPEAK test: Gerry Krzic and Rebecca Challenger
   Andy Ray: AGC (ELIP) no longer. Graduate College filled in 2020-2021 since
   SPEAK test was no longer available. Versant (VET) oral English proficiency test.
   Proctored online. Andy reviewed current English proficiency test requirements and
   what Versant required test scores would be for TAs. SPEAK Test Alternative
   Waiver is being phased out and no longer used after Dec 23.
   Gerry: Looking into departments paying for Versant fee. Maybe OPIE could set up
   account for other departments to transfer funds.

9. Committee Updates
   a. Bridge/Curriculum Committees: Gordon Brooks
      i. Program Changes:
         CTGERG Graduate Gerontology and Aging Certificate: Reduced
         from 15 to 9, dropping courses that are not regularly taught, revised
         learning outcomes. Certificate name change too (from
         “Gerontology”).
         ii. New Programs/Certificates:
             CTX24G Technology Enhanced Language Teaching: Reviewed
             before, this is the creation of the new TELT certificate; 14 hours
             unless TESL 5800 is waived
         iii. Expedited:
             CTATRG Athletic Training Residency name change from Athletic
             Training Residency to Athletic Training Residency in Pediatrics
         iv. Notifications (Program Suspension):
             Graduate French & Francophone Studies Certificate (CTFFSG): Due
             to the University’s reduction in faculty size, these Certificates are no
             longer sustainable. There is no faculty capacity for student
             recruitment or program maintenance. There are no students currently
             in the pipeline for the certificate

         Open to discuss – no comments

   b. Program Review Committee: Charlotte Elster
i. Communication Sciences and Disorders Program Review
   No additional feedback – concur with findings.

c. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Pete Harrington
   Nothing to report

d. Policies and Regulations Committee: Greg Newton
   Catalog does not specify OU credit hours for doctoral degree. No limit to
   transfer credits. Residence requirement for 2 semesters. This is not in line
   with other institutions: Peers set specific hours (9-30) or some set percentage
   limit (25%)
   Beth says this is concern with HLC.
   Discussion: should increase credit hours required at OU but allow for
   exemptions.
   Committee will discuss next month

e. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Andy Fodor
   COI
   Don’t need review
     Jesse Grubbs – No conflict
     Jill Harman – No conflict
     April Loudner – Maffin – No conflict
     Sarah Rist – No conflict
   MaryKathyrine Tran – since her role has now changed, we would need a
   new statement from her new supervisor, moved to “needs reviewed”
   group. Approved provisionally (if the statement from supervisor shows no
   concern) Motion -approved if no new concerns.
   Elizabeth Wanless – No Conflict
   Approved

Need Review
   Whitney Dutcher – recommendation approved.
   Tracy Galway – recommendation approved
   Lowell Lustig – recommendation approved
   James Sabin – recommendation approved
   Laura Wentworth – added mitigation – no committee members from
   Teacher Education and no coursework from faculty in Teacher Education.
   Approved with amendments.
10. Old Business

11. New Business

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.