

Graduate Council Minutes

Friday, December 10, 2021

Attendance: Deb Benton, Melissa Bowlby, Gordon Brooks, Geoff Dabelko, Howard Dewald, Charlotte Elster, Andrew Fodor, Dakota Fox, Ann Frymier, Joseph Gbandi, Daniela Grijalva, Allyson Hallman-Thrasher, Peter Harrington, Janet Hulm, Lesli Johnson, David Koonce, Neil Littell, Sally Marinellie, Greg Newton, David Nguyen, Beth Quitslund, Andy Ray, Assan Sarr, Carol Schaumleffel, Joe Shields, Katie Tadlock, Morgan Vis-Chiasson, Kelley Walton, Jessica Wingett, and Joseph Ziorklui

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

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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.