

Graduate Council Minutes

Friday October 8, 2021

Attendance: Deb Benton, Gordon Brooks, David Brown, Howard Dewald, Charlotte Elster, Andrew Fodor, Andrea Frohne, Ann Frymier, Allyson Hallman-Thrasher, Peter Harrington, Janet Hulm, David Koonce, Neil Littell, Sally Marinellie, Greg Newton, David Nguyen, Kimberlee Orben, Beth Quitslund, Andy Ray, Assan Sarr, Carol Schaumleffel, Joe Shields, Katie Tadlock, Morgan Vis-Chiasson, Jessica Wingett, and Joseph Ziorklui

Excused: Melissa Bowlby, Geoff Dabelko, Arthur Hughes, Lesli Johnson, and Kelley Walton

Convened: The meeting began at 3:00 PM.

1. Approval of the minutes for the September 17, 2021 meeting
Council action: Minutes were approved.
2. Chair's Report: Gordon Brooks
Gordon offered the following comment about committee assignments. Most received their first or second request. Apologies to those who did get their third choice.
3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Joseph Elikem Kofi Ziorklui
Joseph updated the council on the following:
 - Original Work Grant (OWG) review process has begun, and recipients will be notified by October 29, 2021.
 - GSS members have been asked about committee assignments so GSS members will be joining this group soon.
 - GSS passed a resolution supporting the leadership in their efforts in fighting COVID pandemic.
4. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields
Joe announced the following:
 - Allyson Hallman-Thrasher has agreed to join us as a faculty fellow in the Graduate College. She will be working on HEC-Pakistan initiative and other projects as we define.
 - The Director of the IIP position has been posted and the deadline is October 14. Encourage qualified candidates to apply.
 - The State of the Graduate College will be held Monday, October 11, 2021, at 4 PM. Please join us.
5. Remarks by Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College: Beth Quitslund
 - The U.S.-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor Handbook is available now on the Graduate College website.
 - There is a challenge with this year's OPERS processing and, unfortunately, some graduate students and their academic units find themselves caught up in this challenge. For context with OPERS, there is a 30-day opt out requirement. The election process changed this year. They are using an electronic form and this form

now requires an SSN. Most international students do not get SSNs within 30-days. ISFS sent out an announcement about how to handle this, but some graduate students missed the notice. Scheduling appointments with HR further complicated this and now these students find themselves enrolled in OPERS. These students are contributing 10% of their earnings to OPERS and departments must contribute 14%. The 30-day opt out is irrevocable according to Ohio Revised Code, so Beth is working with HR and hopes of having a solution soon.

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

The Slate application conversion continues, and the team is trying to work out bugs. Next round of application transitions will happen in late October and early November.

7. Committee Updates

a. Bridge/Curriculum Committees: Gordon Brooks

Program Change: AU5317

Council action: No concerns from Graduate Council.

b. Program Review Committee: Charlotte Elster

Nothing to report

c. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Pete Harrington

Pete announced the following upcoming awards.

i. MAGS/ProQuest Master's Thesis Awards

Ohio University Deadline: Monday, October 18, 2021, by 5 PM EDT

MAGS Deadline: Monday, November 1, 2021, by 11:59 PM CST

ii. MAGS Excellence in Teaching Awards

Ohio University Deadline: Monday, January 10, 2022, by 5 PM EST

MAGS Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2022, by 11:59 PM CST

d. Policies and Regulations Committee: Greg Newton

There has been a misunderstanding within the Chancellor's Council of Graduate Schools (CCGS) about the double counting of credit hours allowable between undergraduate and graduate programs, and CCGS asked each institutional representative to clarify the intent with their institution.

The question is:

If an undergraduate student takes graduate credit hours, how many of those graduate credit hours can count for their undergraduate program, then count for a graduate program as well?

Beth presented the following from CCGS and asked the council to consider the two replacement options

Double Counting More than Nine Credits

Current language: For combined programs with a total greater than 150 credits prior to double counting, the combined program can double count one additional graduate credit towards the undergraduate degree for each graduate credit required above 30, or total combined credits above 150.

Potential new language for this section:

Option one: The combined program can double count one additional graduate credit towards the undergraduate degree for each graduate credit required above 30

Option two: The combined program can double count one additional graduate credit towards the undergraduate degree for each graduate credit required above 30, or undergraduate credit above 120

Council Action: The council prefers option two.

- e. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Andy Fodor

Nothing to report

- 8. Old Business

Nothing to report

- 9. New Business

Andrea Frohne asked for clarification about resources for graduate student regarding mental health. Members of the council confirmed the Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) and Student Review and Consultation Committee (SRCC) through the Office of the Dean of Students apply to all students and are important resources when concerned about graduate student mental health.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.