

## Graduate Council Minutes

September 16, 2022

**Attendance:** Jaxon Adams, Deb Benton, Gordon Brooks, David Brown, Kübra Civan, Aimee Edmondson, Charlotte Elster, Ann Frymier, Gabe Giordano, Allyson Hallman-Thrasher, Lisa Harrison, Janet Hulm, Lesli Johnson, David Koonce, David LaPalombara, Neil Littell, Pete Mather, Greg Newton, Patrick O'Connor, Shawn Ostermann, Beth Quitslund, Andy Ray, Ani Ruhil, Courtney Silver-Peavey, Sam Smith, Eric Steinberg, Katie Tadlock, Kelley Walton, Jeremy Webster

**Excused:** Patrick Barr, Melissa Bowlby, Brian McCarthy, Tommy Raimondi,

**Convened:** The meeting convened at 3:03 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes for the April 29, 2022 meeting  
*Action:* Council approves the minutes
2. Chair's Report: Ann Frymier
  - a. Ann announced this year the council will be using a Graduate Council Teams channel. All members have been added to the group.
  - b. Graduate Council will be reviewing the Translational Biomedical Sciences (TBS) doctoral program
  - c. If you would like anything added to upcoming agendas, let Ann know.
  - d. Ann will be sending a survey out to all council members to solicit committee preferences. An overview of committees will be discussed shortly.
3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Kübra Civan
  - a. GSS held their first meeting and has recruited new members.
  - b. GSS continues to put internal and external committees together.
  - c. GSS is involved with the Presidential search.
  - d. GSS's first business meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
4. Remarks by Interim Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce
  - a. Thanks
    - i. Thanks to all for agreeing to serve for this upcoming year.
    - ii. Thanks to Gordon for serving as chair the past four years.
    - iii. Thanks to Ann for taking on the chair for this year.
    - iv. Thanks to Beth for past role

- v. Thanks to Greg for his new role.
  - b. Items for this year
    - i. David announced that one charge for Graduate Council this year includes conducting a comprehensive study of discipline stipends. Greg has a survey of what others offer. The president is keen on us looking at this. Things to consider include:
    - ii. Compare minimum stipends,
    - iii. Should we continue or change the Graduate Recruitment Scholarship review (GRS), and
    - iv. Review how fellowships are managed and evaluate whether this should be changed.
5. Remarks by Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College: Greg Newton
- a. Greg offered the following comparison.
    - i. Fall 2021: 5405
    - ii. Fall 2022: 5045
  - b. Greg encouraged members to solicit nominations for the upcoming 2023 MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Master's Thesis Awards. The deadline to MAGS is November 1, 2022.
  - c. Greg reviewed the status of Assessment: Administrative & Student Support Unit Review (ASSUR). Next steps are identifying measures for the goals which are due December 1, 2022. A stakeholder satisfaction survey is planned for spring semester and benchmarking is planned for spring and/or summer semesters with improvements/innovations to follow.
    - i. Goals for Graduate College are:
      - 1. Promote and support inclusive and equitable graduate education at Ohio University.
      - 2. Develop innovative support services for graduate students throughout their academic program life cycle to enable student success.
      - 3. Optimize the application process for prospective students and admissions review process for programs.

4. Support graduate enrollment initiatives.
  - d. Greg reported on the use of the Versant English Test (VET). Andy Ray is working to help make the process more streamlined for next year. Administrators in different colleges who assist with graduate admission need to be looped in on the process. One advantage to VET, upon admission, admitted students will see a checklist item in their student center and they should contact OPIE as soon as they see the item on their student center
6. Remarks by Assistant Dean of the Graduate College: Katie Tadlock
  - a. Katie thanked Beth for covering for me in April.
  - b. Katie thanked the summer COI reviewers.
7. Committees – Ann outlined the roles of each of the following committees.
  - a. Bridge/Curriculum Committee: Allyson Hallman-Thrasher
    - i. Notifications – Letting the council know about the following programs
      1. AGP Master of Health Administration
      2. Master of Science, Plant Biology
    - ii. Review for Comments -  
Quality Improvement Certificate  
No comments  
*Action - Council supports this program moving forward*
  - b. Program Review Committee: Kelly Walton
  - c. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Kim Orben
  - d. Policies and Regulations Committee: Neil Littell
  - e. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Janet Hulm
8. Conflict of Interest (COI) cases
  - a. The following group of COI cases were brought to the council for consideration with no identified conflicts and were recommended for clearance
    - i. Anderson, Michael
    - ii. Burke, Cale
    - iii. Clardy, Ethan
    - iv. Condrac, Sara
    - v. Coy, Joshua
    - vi. Ferrell, Virginia
    - vii. Fraunfelter, Erin
    - viii. Fulks, Charles

- ix. Hall-Jones, Casey
- x. Harper, Eliza (readmit to complete degree)
- xi. Hitchcock, Glen
- xii. Jacobs, Summer
- xiii. Latkovic, Lacey
- xiv. Lorenz, Jessica
- xv. Marvel, Diana
- xvi. Musser, Steven
- xvii. Poling, Nicole

*Council action – Approved above group with amended mitigation regarding Brandie Hawk, who was considered with the next group and the outcome is noted below.*

- b. The following COI cases were brought to the council for consideration and were recommended for approval with mitigation.

- i. Bates, Perianne  
*Council action – Approved with amended mitigation plan*
- ii. Ciminello, Paige  
*Council action – Approved with recommended mitigation*
- iii. Hamman, Britney  
*Council action – Denied*
- iv. Harris, James  
*Council action – Approved with amended mitigation plan*
- v. Hawk, Brandie  
*Council action – Approved with recommended mitigation*
- vi. Hernandez, Jorge  
*Council action - Approved with recommended mitigation*
- vii. Lumumba, Bakari  
*Council action - Approved with amended mitigation*
- viii. Pennington, Jetta (Nicole)  
*Council action - Denied*
- ix. Smith, Laura  
*Council action - Approved with no mitigation*
- x. Ward, Matthew  
*Council action - Approved with amended mitigation*
- xi. White, Amanda  
*Council action - Approved with amended mitigation*
- xii. Williams, Brooke  
*Council action - Approved with amended mitigation*

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.