

Graduate Council Minutes

December 2, 2022

Attendance: Jaxon Adams, Patrick Barr, Deb Benton, Gordon Brooks, Kübra Civan, Charlotte Elster, Ann Frymier, Allyson Hallman-Thrasher, Lisa Harrison, Janet Hulm, David Koonce, David LaPalombara, Pete Mather, Brian McCarthy, Greg Newton, Patrick O'Connor, Beth Quitslund, Andy Ray, Ani Ruhil, Courtney Silver- Peavy, Sam Smith, Eric Steinberg, Katie Tadlock, Kelley Walton, and Jeremy Webster

Excused: Melissa Bowlby, David Brown, Aimee Edmonson, Gabe Giordano, Lesli Johnson, Neil Littell, Kimberlee Orben, Shawn Ostermann, and Thomas Raimondi

Convened: The meeting started at 3:01 PM.

1. Approval of the minutes for the November 4, 2022 meeting
Council Action: Minutes approved

2. Chair's Report: Ann Frymier
Revisions to Employee registration were sent along as recommended by the council at the last meeting.

Ann thanked Becky for her work with Graduate Council. Becky has accepted a different position at Equity & Civil Rights Compliance (ECRC) and will be starting in early January.

3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Kübra Civan
Dr. Sayrs attended a recent GSS meeting.

GSS is planning for a conference for graduate students in the spring. Students will be able to present on their research. This conference will be a one-day event and is set for March 31st, which is Friday of Mom's weekend. GSS is looking at space to hold this conference. If you have ideas for space, please let GSS know.

4. Remarks by Interim Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce
The Graduate College is getting questions about stipends. For the committee who is reviewing this, David asked that the committee please review/compare minimum stipends.

David announced that he has been talking with enrollment management folks about using fee waivers in a more strategic way.

5. Remarks by Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College: Greg Newton
The Slate reader roll out is proceeding. Transcripts are being processed in Slate. The roll over date is March 2023. At this time, all application reviews will occur in Slate. Questions should be directed to Nikole Morris.

Cynthia Tindongan, Director of Thesis and Dissertation Services, will be moving to ECRC. Her last day is 12/09/2022. Two folks have been hired to assist with this process. They are Kirin Pugh and Faustina Mensah.

Graduate level DARS – Master’s level should be done; PhD should be done soon. Greg recommends keeping the change processes within the student services folks at the colleges. There are more exceptions for graduate students, so this may require significant navigating.

6. Remarks by Assistant Dean of the Graduate College: Katie Tadlock
Graduation is Saturday, December 10, 2022. If you are escorting a student and you have not heard from Katie, please reach out to Katie directly.

Katie will do graduation checks the week following commencement.

7. Remarks by Faculty Fellow: Allyson Hallman-Thrasher
HEC update – Allyson announced that she has no additional information. There are a few students who are in the pipeline that Allyson continues to work to support.

8. Committee Updates

- a. Bridge/Curriculum Committee: Allyson Hallman-Thrasher

- i. Program Change Notifications:

- CTMUSG Graduate Performance Certificate - changing certificate to allow degree-seeking students

- ii. Program Changes from MA in International Development Studies
No comments from the committee

- b. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee: Janet Hulm

- i. Conflict of Interest (COI) cases – Committee recommends these four for admission with no necessary mitigation plans.

- Chloe Clary
- Joshua Coy
- Isabella Mershon
- Taylor Scalfaro

Council Action: Council approves the recommendation from the committee

9. Old Business

Nothing to report

10. New Business

Pete Mather asked about the Graduate College’s use of the dual degree form. It seems that shared credits have caused challenge. Per Katie Tadlock, this policy is incredibly old and has not been reviewed recently through the lens of current graduate education thinking, so Katie recommends that the Policy and Regulations Committee review/clarify this policy. Council agrees with this recommendation and the Policy & Regulation Committee will review this policy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.