

## Graduate Council Minutes

October 7, 2022

**Attendance:** Jaxon Adams, Patrick Barr, Deb Benton, Melissa Bowlby, Gordon Brooks, Kübra Civan, Aimee Edmonson, Charlotte Elster, Ann Frymier, Allyson Hallman-Thrasher, Lisa Harrison, Janet Hulm, David Koonce, David LaPalombara, Neil Little, Pete Maher, Greg Newton, Patrick O'Connor, Kimberlee Orben, Shawn Ostermann, Beth Quitslund, Andy Ray, Thomas Raimondi, Ani Ruhil, Courtney Silver-Peavy, Sam Smith, Eric Steinberg, Katie Tadlock, Jeremy Webster

**Excused:** David Brown, and Gabe Giordano

**Convened:** Meeting convened at 3:10 pm. Delay was due to technical difficulties

1. Approval of minutes for the September 16, 2022, meeting

*Action:* Council approves the minutes

2. Chair's report: Ann Frymier

- a. Ann invited agenda items, ideas, concerns to be directed to her
- b. Committee reports are on the way

3. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Report: Kübra Civan

- a. GSS passed a resolution for graduate students to have election day off to vote
- b. Students might be traveling distances to Athens and not reach home voting booths in time to vote

4. Stipend Committee: Greg Newton, Chair

- i. Committee is conducting comprehensive review of stipends

5. Remarks by Interim Dean of the Graduate College: David Koonce

- a. William Schafer, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs attended the last GSS meeting

- i. He stated graduate students need to know services are also available to them

- ii. Disproportionately, 30% of students utilizing Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) are graduate students

6. Remarks by Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College: Greg Newton

- a. In reference to Britney Hamman's denial of Conflict of Interest (COI) case in last month's meeting
    - i. Britney was admitted to the DNP program and appealed the COI policy
    - ii. The CHSP and provost approved an exemption to the COI policy
    - iii. Future appeals should include input from Graduate Council (GC) as part of the appeals process
    - iv. The GC is responsible for mitigating any aspect of conflicts
      - 1. Britney's registration is on hold until a mitigation plan is in place
  - b. Graduate Council should have received an email from OIT's Carlos Walker on the Slate Reader roll-out
    - i. GRADS and Slate will run in parallel until spring '24
    - ii. Meantime, the Graduate College is set for a soft roll-out of Slate
  - c. Grad chairs meetings scheduled to re-start October 12
  - d. Thesis and Dissertation (TAD) student services position is posted until October 12
7. No remarks by Assistant Dean of the Graduate College: Katie Tadlock
8. OhioLINK Digital Accessibility Mandate: Cynthia Tindongan, Director of Thesis and Dissertation Services
- a. As of January 2023, Electronic Thesis and Dissertations (ETDs) will be expected to comply with Minimum Digital Accessibility Standards (MDAS) as outlined by OhioLINK
    - i. TAD Services is facilitating this project with support from the Digital Accessibility Network (DAN) and other campus partners
    - ii. Updates to follow

9. Committee Reports

a. Bridge/Curriculum Committee: Allyson Hallman-Thrasher

i. Committee to review M.S. In Cytology

1. Questions remain around the relationship/role of Cleveland Clinic and Ohio
2. The program will be housed at the Cleveland Clinic, but Ohio is responsible for curriculum development and oversight
3. The Cleveland Clinic will be responsible for mitigating COI
4. Mitigating factors include students to be excused from committee work they had served on as faculty
5. The program will be sent back to the UCC for further review

b. Program Review Committee: No report

c. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee: Janet Hulm

- i. No conflict with four other COI cases
- ii. No further discussion

*Action:* Council approved the committee's recommendations

d. Policy and Regulations Committee: Neil Littell

- i. Students do not gain state residency per state law
- ii. This issue will be addressed by GSS

10. Old business

None to report

11. New business:

a. OGA Committee:

- i. OGA policies and regulations
  1. Continuous Enrollment

- a. Does the .5 credit registration requirement also pertain to students who are actively engaged?
- b. In this case, should there be a 1.0 requirement?
- c. Is .5 sufficient for stipend-only (not with tuition waiver)? Not currently

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.