

## Graduate Council Minutes

Friday, March 9, 2018

**Attendance:** Tim Anderson, Seth Baker (proxy Becky Salami), Steve Bergmeier, Terry Cluse-Tolar, Geoffrey Dabelko, Sonsoles DeLaCalle, L. J. Edmonds, Charlotte Elster, Travis Gatling, Pete Harrington, Jennifer Horner, Janet Hulm, Wojciech Jadwisieniczak, , Brian McCarthy, Maria Modayil, Shawn Ostermann, Ann Paulins, Joseph Shields, Katherine Tadlock, and Charlotte Yang

**Excused:** Emilia Alonso-Sameno, Gordon Brooks, Alexandra Hibbitt, Chulho Jung, David Koonce, Chris Moberg, Greg Newton, Erik Ramsey, Andy Ray, Becky Salami, Gaurav Sinha, Jennifer Smith, and Scott Smith,

**Convened:** The meeting was convened at 3:06 pm.

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2018 meeting

**Minutes Approved**

2. Chair's Report: Steve Bergmeier

**Nothing to report**

3. Remarks by Dean of the Graduate College: Joe Shields

**Nothing to report and deferred to Maria Modayil for an announcement**

Maria announced that GSS representatives are attending the National Organization Advocacy Summit in D.C.

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

**Nothing to report**

5. English Proficiency exceptions: Katie Tadlock

Graduate College requests that Graduate Council consider changing internal options within departments for non-native English speakers. The Graduate College recommendation is: A department can waive any non-citizen who will have an OU degree within 2 years of the expected semester of enrollment. Current English proficiency language requirement for TAs would still be in effect. In addition, Katie shared the current language from the Graduate catalog for comparison.

**Graduate College approved this recommendation.**

6. Curriculum Bridge Committee:
  - a. GPA requirements for Graduate Certificates Proposal: Jen Horner

Jen Horner introduced the proposal to Graduate Council for consideration. The proposal would establish a minimum grade point average (GPA) for graduate certificates. Committee would like to mirror the degree requirements. The student must earn a cumulative GPA 3.00 in certificate courses and have nothing less than “C” in a course.

**Graduate Council approved/supported this proposal**

- b. Combined Bachelor’s-Master’s Degree Programs – Early Assurance and Accelerated Admission Proposal: Katie Tadlock

Katie Tadlock introduced modified language for the Combined Bachelor’s-Master’s Degree Program Proposal. Language from Center for Law, Justice, and Culture program and other programs from other institutions informed this document under review by the council. In addition, the language used in the undergraduate catalog as it related to students in the Honor’s program offered guidance as well. The proposal include guidance on how to address graduate appointments and graduate level financial aid. The proposal outlines that successful participants will earn two degrees. This proposal would change current internal policy and guidelines.

Graduate Council Questions/Comments included the following

- Some council members asked if the proposal should be more rigorous.
- The council members suggested that the proposal clearly state when the bachelor’s degree would be complete.
- Others wondered how the Ohio University financial guarantee would be effected when the shift from undergraduate status to graduate status occurred.
- The Council wondered how to be sure the bachelor’s degree is completed before going too far into graduate coursework. Could a “hold” be put on a student’s record until the bachelor’s hours/degree is conferred? Should the policy include a maximum number of allowable graduate hours until the bachelor’s degree is complete?

- In addition, the council recommended that a clause be included like the following: “Under no circumstances will a master’s degree will be conferred before a bachelor’s degree is conferred”?
- The council membership asked that the proposal include a clearly stated time when the student is no longer a provisional graduate student.

**Graduate Council asked for clearly stated guidelines in this policy to lessen ambiguity. A revised proposal will be reviewed in April.**

- c. Program Committee: Jen Horner

**Nothing to Report**

- d. Program Review Committee: Tim Anderson

**Nothing to report**

7. Graduate Student Affairs and Fellowships Committee

Pete Harrington presented the Named Fellowship recommendations to Graduate Council for their approval

**Graduate Council approved the following recipients for the 2018-19 Graduate College Named Fellowships**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Awardee</b>		<b>Dept.</b>
<b>Cady</b>	Alexander	Lovelace	HIST
<b>Clippinger</b>	Anthony	Gilbert	BIOS
<b>Kantner</b>	Nicole	Hudak	COM
<b>Trisolini</b>	Inna	Tsyrlin	THEA
<b>Graduate</b>	Xueying	Ko	CHE
<b>Runner-up</b>	Andrew	Manigault	PSYC

8. Planning and Strategy Committee

**Nothing to report**

9. Policies and Regulations Committee

Ohio University Assistantship definitions – Sonsoles DeLaCalle presented a document defining the Teaching Assistants (TAs), Graduate Assistants (GAs), Research Assistants (RAs) nomenclature

The comments offered by the council included the following:

- The document needs clarity about English proficiency.
- Perhaps it is worth noting the definitions are varied between programs and insert “primarily” instead of “50%” or “all”.
- The council recommended eliminating “not in any way” and change to “not primarily”... in the GA section.

**The revised document will be reviewed in the April meeting.**

10. Recruitment and Admission Requirements Committee

**Nothing to report**

11. Old Business

- a. ETD proposal from Creative Writing

Janet Hulm reviewed the proposal before the council. The council recommended that a student can request an embargo on the publication of their thesis or dissertation for anywhere from one to five years, with the option to renew this embargo.

**Based on this revision, Graduate Council approved the proposal.**

- b. White paper – Importance of Graduate Education

Steve Bergmeier has a draft and requested reviewers. Brian McCarthy and Maria Modayil volunteered to review the draft.

**A draft will be presented at the next meeting in April.**

12. New Business

April 2-7 is international week, same as mom’s weekend

April 8-14 – Graduate Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.