

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Members Present:

Allan, Craig – Geography and Earth Sciences
Azarbayjani, Mona – The School of Architecture
Fenwick, Abbey – Kinesiology
Godev, Concepción – Languages & Culture Studies and Graduate Council Chair
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary & K-12
Lai, Gene – Finance
Miller, Elizabeth (Liz) – English
Morse, Ed – Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science
Mostafavi, Taghi – Computer Science
Sung, Way – Bioinformatics and Genomics (alternate for Taghi Mostafavi)
Suptela, Alex – PhD Candidate, BIOL/Graduate Student Representative (GPSG)
Truesdale, Angel – Atkins Library
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School for Tom Reynolds, Dean, Graduate School

Also Attending:

Deng, Shaozhong – Mathematics and Statistics
Giddings, Kathy – Graduate School
Goodliffe, Julie, Graduate School
Kissau, Scott – College of Education Dean's Office
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
White, Brian – Graduate School

I. Report of the Chair – Dr. Concepcion Godev

a. Approval of the February 2, 2021 Graduate Council Meeting minutes.

Allan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted with a second from Brintnall. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Annual Performance of the Dean of the Graduate School

A subcommittee of three members has been formed from within the Graduate Council to facilitate the Graduate School Dean's annual performance review. Craig Allan has volunteered to serve as Chair, with Mona Azarbayjani and Kent Brintnall completing the group.

c. Request to add syllabus fields in Curriculog

Chair Godev has sent a request to Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant, to explore the possibility of adding a template in Curriculog to streamline the process for including pertinent information for syllabi. If approved, we hope to have something implemented by fall 2021.

d. Graduate Assistant (GA) Handbook

Chair Godev asks the Graduate Council to share the information being discussed today by Dr. Julie Goodliffe, with their departments and colleges.

e. Authorship Dispute Resolution Policy

Chair Godev announced that the Council will be receiving a copy of this policy at the April meeting.

II. **Report of the Graduate School Dean – Johnna Watson for Dean Reynolds**

- Graduate applications for fall are trending up. Many programs are at a 50% increase as compared to last year.
- The Board of Governors met on February 17 and approved a tuition rate change. The tuition rate table will be updated in GPD Net.
- The UNC System is moving to a per credit hour for tuition charges. One to six credit hours will be the same rate. Seven to eight credit hours will be a little more and it will be more and capped at nine credit hours.
- Distance Education will be charged the same rate as credit hours, but fee structures will be different.
- The Graduate School is working with Bruce Taylor to award additional Cares Act monies to students. We encourage students to complete a FAFSA in anticipation of a possible \$32M stimulus package as compared to \$12M last year. International students are not eligible for these funds.

III. **Course and Curriculum Proposals**

A. MATH 7891 – Independent Study in Mathematics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Craig Allan, Kent Brintnall, Abbey Fenwick

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

B. MATH 7892 – Directed Project in Mathematics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Craig Allan, Kent Brintnall, Abbey Fenwick

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. MATH 8891 – Independent Study in Mathematics

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Graduate Council Assignments: Craig Allan, Kent Brintnall, Abbey Fenwick

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

D. MATH 8892 – Directed Project in Mathematics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Mona Azarbayjani, Joan Lachance, Gene Lai, Alex Suptela

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

E. MDSK 6355 – Advanced Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Originator: Lan Kolano, Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education

Graduate Council Assignments: Mona Azarbayjani, Joan Lachance, Gene Lai, Alex Suptela

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

F. STAT 7891 – Independent Study in Statistics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Mona Azarbayjani, Joan Lachance, Gene Lai, Alex Suptela

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

G. STAT 7892 – Directed Project in Statistics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Liz Miller, Ed Morse and Taghi Mostafavi

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

H. STAT 8891 – Independent Study in Statistics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Liz Miller, Ed Morse and Taghi Mostafavi

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

I. STAT 8892 – Directed Project in Statistics

Originator: Shaozhong Deng, Mathematics and Statistics

Graduate Council Assignments: Liz Miller, Ed Morse and Taghi Mostafavi

A motion was made by Miller with a second from Lai to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Topics

A. Standardized Test Discussion – Chair Godev and Johnna Watson, Graduate School

Chair Godev reported that she contacted the Graduate Program Directors for input on this topic. Out of 125 colleagues, only 8 responded. Seven were enthusiastic about the proposal with one that would like to maintain the current policy.

- Watson reported that there is currently no template for this option; the catalog would need to be changed.
- We are currently working with OneIT to purchase Slate Technology Solutions for Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions.
- Faculty are the best judge of whether to opt in or out for their programs.
- Over half of our programs don't have test requirements.

A discussion took place and some revisions to the verbiage of the proposal were recommended. Lai made a motion to approve the proposal pending minor revisions with a second from Miller and Mostafavi. The proposal was unanimously approved to move forward with revisions.

B. Graduate Assistant (GA) Handbook (Draft) – Julie Goodliffe, Graduate School

Because of time constraints, Dr. Goodliffe very quickly shared with the Council the history leading up to and the need to have clear definitions in place for hiring Graduate Assistants, Research Assistants, or Teaching Assistants. She, along with the Graduate Student Funding Task Force, have created a GA (Graduate Assistant) handbook (draft distributed prior to the meeting) for the Council to review.

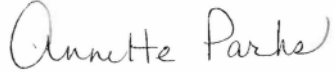
Chair Godev communicated that she would like for the Council to review this document and request input from their respective departments/colleges. She, in turn, will communicate with the Graduate Program Directors for feedback. Godev wants the Council to be ready to discuss at the April meeting.

Miller made a motion to approve the proposals as submitted with a second from Lai. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Other Business

The meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette Parks".

Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary