

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022

Members Present:

Dalton, David, Chair – Languages & Culture Studies
Canevello, Amy – Psychological Science
Chattopadhyay, Jackie – Political Science and Public Administration (alternate)
Lai, Gene – Finance
Mostafavi, Taghi – Computer Science
Peterson, Nicole – Anthropology
Reynolds, Tom – Associate Provost and Graduate School Dean
Sarkar, Kaustavi – Dance
Smithwick, Jake – Engineering Technology & Construction Management

Also Attending:

Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Lo, Ya-yu – Special Education and Child Development
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Mukherjee, Pinku – CLAS Dean's Office
Rasmussen, Monica – PhD Candidate, INES Program
Shaw, George – Public Health Sciences (attending for Dace Brown, CHHS)
Warren-Findlow, Jan – Public Health Sciences
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance Assistant, Academic Affairs

Absent:

Johnson, Brandon – GPSG Student Rep and PhD Candidate, Curr & Instruction
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
McAdams, Jeff – Atkins Library

I. Report of the Chair – Dr. David Dalton

Chair Dalton opened the meeting.

A. Approval of the October 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Chair Dalton reminded that Graduate Council to send in their feedback on the candidates for the Interim Dean of the Graduate School. Feedback forms were sent to all members of the Graduate Council.

II. Report of the Graduate School Dean – Dr. Tom Reynolds

Dean Reynolds communicated that the new Provost, Dr. Alicia Bertone will begin her position on January 3, 2023. This is the third Provost who has also served as Dean of a Graduate School. He suggests inviting her to attend an upcoming Graduate Council Meeting.

Dean Reynolds reminded the Council that Research and Development is undergoing a reorganization under new leadership. Dr. John Daniels, formerly Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Chair is now the Interim Vice Chancellor for the Division of Research. And Dr. Deb Thomas, formerly Geography and Earth Sciences Department Chair will serve as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor.

Dean Reynolds encouraged the Council to take part in the search for the Interim Dean of the Graduate School. He shared that neither candidate has served on the Graduate Council.

III. Discussion Topics

A. 50.5 Resolution Proposed Through the GPSG (Graduate & Professional Student Government) – Monica Rasmussen, RA and fourth-year PhD student in the INES Program

- Rasmussen joined the meeting via Zoom as she is studying abroad this semester.
- Rasmussen felt it important to share some concerns that graduate students have regarding compensation packages as stated in Policy 50.5: Tuition Remission for Graduate Students.
- She provided a document to the Graduate Council which covers their concerns.
 - The new policy took away benefits that were promised and caused students to lose funding.
 - This caused a lot of stress for students.
 - Students were upset with the way the policy was rolled out.
 - There was no communication when this rolled out.
 - Appeals were rejected because departments did not have the funds to cover what was promised.
 - Students met with various departments (Graduate School, Ombudsman, GPSG Senate, etc.)
 - Rick Tankersley, the former RED (Research & Economic Development) Vice Chancellor told students that they needed to advocate for themselves. And the Chancellor was told that exceptions had already been made.
- Dean Reynolds communicated that this was not a Graduate School Policy. It was facilitated by RED.
- Dr. Julie Goodliffe is working with GPD's and Associate Deans to communicate the new compensation packages for 2022-2023. If a student was promised funding, they must have a document, email or some written documentation and the Graduate School will "try" and find the funds to grandfather them in.
- Graduate Program Directors need to be very clear on what funds are available to students and for how long the funding is available.

B. First Reading: Dual Degree Policy Change – Katherine Hall-Hertel, Sandy Krause, and Janet Morse - Graduate School

The proposal was submitted in writing to Chair Dalton.

- To better align with sister institutions, we propose reducing the number of unique credits for each degree from 75% to 70%, leaving 30% that can be met with courses from the other degree.
- Students will be required to complete all individual degree requirements with the advantage of a limited number of shared credits between two programs.
- Please refer to the attachment for more details.

Please share this information with your departments and programs and be prepared to discuss at the next Graduate Council meeting in December.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

A. ADMN 8611 – Applied Dissertation Pre-Proposal Development

Originator: Cathy Howell, Educational Leadership

Graduate Council Assignments: Chattopadhyay, Lai and Sarkar

The department clarified one item prior to the meeting and satisfied the question posed. Canevello made a motion to approve the proposal as submitted with a second from Mostafavi. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

B. CHFD 6205 – Integrated Instructional Applications in Child and Family Development

Originator: Kristi Godfrey-Hurrell, Special Education and Child Development

Graduate Council Assignments: Chattopadhyay, Lai and Sarkar

A minor revision was requested to add the standard statements that address diversity, Title IX and disability accommodations.

A motion was made by Canevello to approve the proposal pending this revision with a second from Mostafavi. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. EPID 8202 – Introduction to Data Management

Originator: Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: Chattopadhyay, Lai and Sarkar

A discussion took place and a few suggestions were made to the department for consideration. Canevello approved the proposal as submitted with a second from Mostafavi. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

D. EPID 8272 – Survival Analysis

Originator: Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: Canevello, Johnson, and Mostafavi

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

E. EPID 8273 – Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Analysis

Originator: Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: Canevello, Johnson, and Mostafavi

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

F. EPID 8274 – Advanced Methods in Epidemiology

Originator: Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: Canevello, Johnson, and Mostafavi

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

G. EPID 8275 – Spatial Epidemiology

Originator: Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: Lachance, Smithwick, and Peterson

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

H. EPID 8276 – Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis

Originator: Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: Lachance, Smithwick, and Peterson

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

I. RSCH 8131 – Interviewing as Qualitative Inquiry

Originator: Lisa Merriweather, Educational Leadership

Graduate Council Assignments: Lachance, Smithwick, and Peterson

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

J. Applied Behavior Analysis, New Graduate Certificate Program

Originator: Ya-yu Lo, Special Education and Child Development

Graduate Council Assignments: Lachance, Smithwick, and Peterson

One edit to the proposal and the addition of SLO's were requested.

A motion was made by Canevello to approve the proposal pending these revisions with a second from Mostafavi. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

V. Other Business

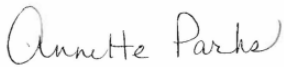
- A. Johnna Watson (Graduate School) communicated that the Council should be following the Supreme Court's decision about race as a consideration of admission. The outcome could impact our student diversity and maybe not in a good way.

Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Lai.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:58pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2022, **12:30-2:00pm – New Location Reese 211**

Respectfully,



Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary