

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019

Members Present: Allan, Craig – Geography and Earth Sciences
Browne, Aidan – Engineering Technology & Construction Management
Burfield, Allison – School of Nursing
Gamez, Jose – School of Arch (alternate for Nadia Anderson, SofArch)
Godev, Concepción – Languages & Culture Studies and Graduate Council Chair
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary & K-12 (alternate for Lyndon Abrams, CLSG)
Lipford, Heather – Software & Information Systems
Mauer, David – Finance
Reynolds, Tom – Graduate School Dean (ex-officio, non-voting)
Richardson, Christine – Biological Science (alternate for Elizabeth Miller, ENGL)
Scarborough, Beth – Atkins Library
Suptela, Alex – PhD Candidate, BIOL and Graduate Student Representative (GPSG)
Tabor, James – Religious Studies

Also Attending: Barth, Thomas – Political Science
Cecchi, Valentina - Electrical & Computer Engineering
Goodliffe, Julie – Graduate School
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Hancock, Cynthia - Sociology
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Names-Mattefs, Alaina - CLAS
Nasipuri, Asis – Department Chair, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Perez Quinones, Manuel – CCI/Graduate School
Shaikh, Samira – Computer Science
Skerlak, Christi – Graduate School

I. Report of the Chair – Concepcion Godev

- A. Approval of the October 1, 2019, Meeting Minutes
Mauer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted with a second from Allan.
The motion was unanimously approved.

The Funding Committee has created a space in Canvas to post information regarding the Graduate Student Funding. They encourage all Graduate Program Directors to provide feedback.

II. Report of the Graduate School Dean – Katherine Hall-Hertel for Dean Reynolds

Reynolds explained the Administrator Review Process. In the past, administrators, including the Chancellor, Provost and Deans, had their annual evaluations shared automatically with constituents. Legal Affairs recently pointed out that this isn't legal unless the individual being evaluated waives his or her right to confidentiality. Academic Affairs is working on a policy but for now, it is up to the administrator to decide whether or not to share the review. Reynolds' evaluation has been posted on GPDnet.

The Three-Minute Thesis final round is Friday, November 15 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in Halton Reading Room. There are 11 finalists (they had a tie), from over 60 entries. The judges for the event include:

NC State Senator Natasha Marcus
NC State Senator Mujtaba Mohammed
WFAE's Tommy Tomlinson
Katherine Mooring, Senior Vice President, Charlotte Arts & Science Council
Bobby Arnold, Global Vice President, Concentrix

The Poster 2.0 Competition will be in the Graduate Student Reading Room in Atkins Library room 2:00pm – 4:00pm, also on Nov. 15. This year a QR code, developed by a Michigan graduate student, is available and will provide full text.

Lastly, Wake Forest University and Atrium will partner to form a new Medical School.

III. Course and Curriculum Proposals

- A. Advanced Databases and Knowledge Discovery – (Graduate Certificate Renewal)
Originator: Angelina Tzacheva, Computer Science
Graduate Council Assignments – Jose Gamez, Allison Burfield, Joan Lachance

Lachance made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Burfield. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

- B. Computer Engineering, M.S. – New Graduate Degree Program
Originator: Asis Nasipuri – Electrical and Computer Engineering
Graduate Council Assignments – David Mauer, Craig Allan, Christine Richardson

Asis Nasipuri and Valentina Cecchi attended to field questions. Nasipuri gave an overview of the need for the program. A brief discussion took place. Lipford made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Allan. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. Gerontology Graduate Certificate – Graduate Program Revision

Originator: Cynthia Hancock, Sociology

Graduate Council Assignments – Jose Gamez, Allison Burfield, Joan Lachance

Cynthia Hancock attended to field questions. Hancock gave a brief overview. Burfield made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Browne. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

D. ITCS 6617 – Computational Human Behavior Modeling

Originator: Samira Shaikh, Computer Science

Graduate Council Assignments – Aidan Browne, Amy Canevello, Alex Suptela

Samira Shaikh attended to field questions. She gave a brief overview. Suptela made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Allan. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

E. MFPA 6000 – Special Topics in Fire Protection and Safety Management

Originator: Tony Brizendine, Engineering Technology and Construction Management

Graduate Council Assignments – Heather Lipford, Christine Richardson, Craig Allan

Mauer made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Allan. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

F. Nonprofit Management – Graduate Certificate Renewal

Originator: Thomas Barth, Political Science

Graduate Council Assignments – Aidan Browne, Amy Canevello, Alex Suptela

Tom Barth attended to field questions and to provide a brief overview. Burfield made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Tabor. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Discussion Topics

A. Parental and Childbirth Accommodations for Graduate Students – Katherine Hall-Hertel

Hall-Hertel provided a draft to the council prior to the meeting. A discussion took place. A few minor edits were suggested for section 3. Funding and Provision. Clarify that this applies to a 20 hour/week assistantship. Human Resources will need to be involved for continuation of pay, etc.

B. Part 2. – Graduate Student Funding Report – Manuel Perez-Quinones/Julie Goodliffe
Goodliffe presented a document of how students are currently funded.

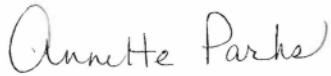
What happens if Policy 50.5 goes away? Current funding supports about 700 students. Health insurance and tuition is covered; but does not include fees. It would be hard to support a new policy unless we are clear where the money for graduate student funding will come from. How will the new plan be phased in?

V. **Other Business**

No other business was communicated.

Browne made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Burfield. The meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary