

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021 - ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annette Barnes, DNP/Nursing
Christina Bradley, Henson Rep
Melissa Bugdal, Fulton Rep
Celine Carayon, HIST (Acting Chair)
Heather Diehl, MSW
Yvonne Downie-Hanley, M.B.A.
Maida Finch, Ed.D./REED
James Fox, EDLD
Elizabeth Geiger, OGS
Clifton Griffin, Dean of Graduate Studies
Stuart Hamilton, GIS
Martin Hunter, Registrar
Carolyne King, At-Large Seat
Allen Koehler, AVP Enrollment Management
Laura Marinaro, MSAT
Scott Mazzetti, AHPH
Masoud Moghaddam, CHHS Rep
John Nieves – ENG, Faculty Senate Liaison

Dana Price, BIO
Jessica Scott, OGS
Jessica Strange, GSC President
Diana Wagner, EDUC
Star Weaver, MAT
Thea Williamson, Seidel Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Bergner, MSME
Doug DeWitt, Ed Leadership and Chair (Sabbatical)
Jacques Koko, CADR
Karen Olmstead, Provost
Vicki Root, CHHS Rep (Sabbatical)

GUEST:

Jessica Clark, Assistant Provost

- I. Call to Order – 3:32 p.m.
- II. Minutes
 - Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- III. Curriculum
 - FINA 601 – New Course Proposal
 - This course is custom built to meet the needs of MS GIS program targeted for non-business graduate students.
 - Has been taught since 2017 under different number.

- Recommended for approval by GCC. Seconded by S. Weaver. Vote was unanimous.

Large group of new proposals were submitted too late for November meeting. If December meeting is cancelled, J. Scott will send out for electronic vote.

IV. GPD Institutes – Jessica Clark

- Noticed a missing piece to orientation events – Grad Program Director Institute.
- Would be similar to a Chairs Institute but more specific and focused on Grad Program Director needs.
- Chairs Institutes are typically a ½ day event. Topics change each year and case studies are used that are applicable to situations facing chairs.
 - C. Griffin – As you work up agenda, would be helpful to include items related to training and resources.
 - Examples: Best practices in marketing and advertising, fostering inclusivity, enrollment, graduate student success, training.
- C. Carayon will collect needs and ideas and submit a comprehensive list to J. Clark.
- J. Clark will then draft something and get it to everyone to review in the spring.

V. English Language Follow-up – C. Griffin

- This has been discussed several times over the years.
- Grad Council should review the current language and if there is any interesting in modifying the language, OGS can spearhead that.
- Would be helpful if graduate review had a broader perspective (like undergrad) and not be entirely based on standardized testing. Consider alternate methods of validating English proficiency. Have discussed some of these with Brian Stiegler.
- C. Carayon –

- T. Williamson – Promotional YouTube video includes no older students. We need to include students who look like the students we're trying to recruit. We need a more cohesive video, maybe a separate one, that shows professionals in their fields.
- J. Nieves – The graduate presence is more than just a percentage. Should be including things

- GSC members will be volunteering at Grad Walk.
- Thanks for always supporting the GSC

X. Dean's Remarks – Clifton Griffin

- Thanks to Jesci Strange for her leadership on GSC.
- Thanks to Allen Koehler for his collaboration related to enrollment management.
- Thanks to Liz Geiger for her work in implementing Slate. It is a great resource and will be help to streamline our process making it easier on applicants and program directors.
- Presidential Search
 - Lots of requests are being submitted. Consideration will be given to shared governance groups and other stakeholders. Believes J. Strange, as GSC President, will get insight to the search process.
 - Encouraged by Chancellor's visit but we must speak to the importance of our graduate programs whenever possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by Jessica Scott