

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Friday, December 4, 2020 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members present: Paul Steimle, Greg Bell, Aaron Beveridge, Kelly Burke, Megan Carlton, Tami Draves, Ben Dyson, Vidya Gargeya, Diane Gill, Courtney Harrington, Nancy Hoffart, Glenn Hudak, Brad Johnson, Jodi Pettazzoni, Neelofer Qadir, Naglaa Rashwan

Guests: Scott Howerton, School of Education and UCC Chair

I. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2020

Motion to approve November 20, 2020 meeting minutes with revision (Hoffart, Gargeya). Minutes approved as amended.

II. Report of the Chair – Paul Steimle

Chair reviewed fall semester activities and actions. The Academic Relief Package was a highlight of the Council's work, new dissertation guidelines were also finalized. Chair recognized the importance of the Council's student members. Chair asked that everyone familiarize themselves with the Graduate Faculty Governance Document.

Megan Carlton is our Parliamentarian. Chair reviewed meeting and agenda procedures.

III. Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education – Kelly Burk

- Graduate Student Relief – Fall 2021

Dean Burke thanked the Council Chair, past Chair, and members for their work. The Faculty Senate passed an academic relief policy, the Graduate policy was adjusted to 8 credits. Dean Burke also expressed appreciation for the student members and their dedication.

Graduate enrollment for the spring is looking good, enrollment information is available through the Graduate School. In January, workbooks will be released to departmental admins, providing transparency with the graduate assistantship process. The goal is for every program to use all funds allocated to recruit new students.

IV. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Nancy Hoffart

- *GCC Information Items (from December 2, 2020 meeting)*
- *Discussion of Cross-List policy*

Chair thanked Nancy for all her hard work with the graduate curriculum.

Nancy reported the GCC met 2.5 hours and completed the agenda. The GCC will review outstanding items and vote electronically over the break. This will allow the

GCC to continue the Quality Improvement discussion.

Nancy, Scott Howerton, Jodi Pettazzoni, and Chris Partridge met to discuss cross-listed courses. The URO will provide a list of all cross-listed courses.

Dean Burke provided background for the cross-list discussion and reviewed the draft Cross-List Policy. Some of the issues with the current practice of cross-listing are ownership of a course, faculty load credit, and departmental scheduling. The lack of curricular control over who/when the course is offered is creating complications. Discussion followed concerning student perception of a prefix. The policy should state that the prefix needs to align with the disciplinary content and program curriculum needs to associate the course with the appropriate prefix in their curriculum.

Discussion concerned how to move this forward as a policy for Graduate and Undergraduate curriculum, suggestion to create a task force to continue the discussion. Suggestion that Council Chair work with the Faculty Senate Chair to develop a task force on curriculum improvement.

V. Report of the Policies & Procedures Committee – Ben Dyson

- Previously Published Work
- Badging and Micro-credentialing
- SOE requests that student grievances (and similar matters) go directly to the Dept. Chair

Ben reported the Policy Committee met and drafted as short guideline for previously published work. The policy will provide a guideline and disclaimer. Council members were asked to read the guideline, discussion will continue in 2021.

Badging and micro credentialing discussion will be continued in 2021.

Discussion concerned student appeals. Student grade appeals and other grievances are two separate policies.

The Policy Committee will also continue work on the Graduate Student Relief Policy for 2021. Ben thanked all committee members for their time.

The Policy Committee will review the Faculty Mentor award process.

VI. Report of the Student Appeals Committee – No new actions

VII. Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Vidya Gargeya

Vidya advised the last Faculty Senate meeting was November 10. No new report.

Please copy Council Chairs on any requests sent to Faculty Senate.

VIII. New Business/Other

Dean Burke thanked Jodi, Lynn, Ian, Kim, and Lisa Henline for their work behind the scenes.

IX. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.