

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Friday, February 19, 2021 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members present: Paul Steimle, Greg Bell, Aaron Beveridge, Kelly Burke, Sarah Daynes, Ben Dyson, Vidya Gargeya, Courtney Harrington, Nancy Hoffart, Lexi Hoopman, Glenn Hudak, Dennis LaJeunesse, Zhi-Jun Liu, Jodi Pettazzoni, Neelofer Qadir, Naglaa Rashwan

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2021**
Motion to approve January 29, 2021 minutes (Gargeya, Hudak). Minutes approved.
- II. Report of the Chair – Paul Steimle**
No report.
- III. Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education – Kelly Burke**
Dean Burke shared information regarding COVID relief funds and summer assistantship. These funds are available for in-state graduate students, out of state assistance will be available soon. Departments are urged to prioritize international students with available funds. Dean Burke will create a strategy sheet to share with departments, which will provide additional details regarding relief funds.
- IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association – Naglaa Rashwan**
Naglaa provided an overview of GSA procedures and meetings. Thirty-one departments are represented.
The GSA asked students to complete a survey about how the pandemic is affecting them. Lexi shared survey results/responses, major concerns were finances and food insecurity. Student Affairs will also send out a survey to all students.
Lexi suggested hosting a Graduate Council Town Hall to allow Council members to connect with graduate students. Council members interested in attending the Town Hall should contact Lexi or Naglaa. Discussion concerning travel reimbursement for graduate students.
- V. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Nancy Hoffart**
 - *GCC Information Items (from February 12, 2021 meeting)*
Nancy advised GCC has completed review of proposals for the 2021-2022 year and will continue to work on the Quality Improvement project.

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

The Policy Committee had discussed the idea to recommend that departments not use entrance exams (GRE, GMAT, etc.) as part of entrance requirements. We are practicing holistic admissions; the GRE presents a financial barrier to some of our applicants.

The committee has also discussed dissertation requirements, dissertations as stapled works. Dennis and Aaron will work to draft a policy.

VII. Report of the Student Appeals Committee –

No report.

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

No report.

IX. New Business/Other

Discussion concerned withdrawal-cancellation attendance policy.

Dean Burke advised elections are coming up soon and asked members to keep this in mind.

X. Adjournment – 12:20 p.m.