

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Friday, April 23, 2021 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members present: Paul Steimle, Greg Bell, Aaron Beveridge, Kelly Burke, Megan Carlton, Sarah Daynes, Ben Dyson, Vidya Gargeya, Diane Gill, Courtney Harrington, Nancy Hoffart, Lexi Hoopman, Glenn Hudak, Brad Johnson, Zhi-Jun Liu, Chris Partridge Jodi Pettazzoni, Neelofer Qadir, Naglaa Rashwan, Robert Wells

Guest: George Still, Student Affairs

| Time | Agenda Item |
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| 11:00 a.m. | <p>I. Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2021 Motion to approve March 26, 2021 minutes (Hoffart, Carlton). Minutes approved.</p> |
| 11:03 | <p>II. Report of the Chair – Paul Steimle Chair thanked council members for their work this year.</p> |
| 11:08 | <p>III. Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education – Kelly Burke Dean Burke reported that the Graduate School is up 240 applicants from this time last year. The Graduate School is awarding summer funding to over 400 graduate students and may be able fund some additional students. Update from the Graduate Faculty meeting that the international admissions policy has been cleaned up and will go into effect for the next admissions cycle. Dean Burke and GC chair will work together regarding the Council’s membership for next year. Members with 1 year appointments (Brad Johnson, Diane Gill, Courtney Harrington) are asked to contact GC Chair if they wish to continue. Request for UNCG Online representation on Council. Dean Burke thanked all Council members for their dedication and service over the last year.</p> |
| 11:23 | <p>IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association – Naglaa Rashwan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Discussion of Results of Student Survey on COVID 19-Related Issues, George Still, Director of Assessment, Division of Student Affairs</i> <p>George reported that the COVID-19 Impact Survey was administered to all undergraduate and graduate students; 2262 responses for a response rate of 12%. 543 of the responses were from graduate students. The key findings confirmed anecdotal evidence regarding elevated levels of stress, anxiety, depression, and loneliness. Graduate student responses indicated higher levels of stress, anxiety, depression, and loneliness as compared to</p> |

undergraduate students and also higher levels of concern regarding loved ones. Graduate students were more likely than undergraduate students to report they felt faculty were committed to their success but also felt they lost ability to do research and network due to pandemic. Concern regarding financial support was also demonstrated, especially for international students, who were ineligible for CARES funds. The Council discussed specific metrics and possible revisions for the next time the survey will be administered in the fall.

- 11:33 **V. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Nancy Hoffart**
- *GCC Information Items (from April 9, 2021 meeting)*
- Nancy shared the report from the Quality Improvement project, which is intended to improve the quality of submitted proposals and reduce rollbacks of proposals. The Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning has collaborated with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 4 evaluation checklists, curriculum review roles, and a rubric for evaluating SLOs. Guidelines related to 0 credit and variable credit courses are to be formulated and policy pertaining to cross listed courses is to be addressed with URO also. Chair thanked Nancy for her exceptional work with the GCC.
- 11:43 **VI. Report of the Policies and Procedures Committee – Ben Dyson**
- Ben shared further updates regarding draft policies regarding overlapping projects. The committee plans to create a form for multi-author dissertations and will create a policy statement to bring to the Graduate Council. There was also discussion regarding copyright in regard to using previously published work in theses and dissertations. The committee plans to collaborate with Megan Carlton in University Libraries. Chair thanked Ben for his leadership with Policies and Procedures committee.
- 11:58 **VII. Report of the Student Appeals Committee**
- No report.
- 12:00 p.m. **VIII. Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Vidya Gargeya**
- Vidya discussed several resolutions passed at the last Faculty Senate meeting:
- Juneteenth to be recognized
 - Resolution passed against the way the FSCU chancellor search was conducted
 - Resolution passed to denounce anti-Asian violence
 - Resolution in support of non tenure track faculty
 - Resolution passed on creating position of ombudsman

Resolution passed to require syllabi

12:05

IX. New Business/Other

- *Graduate Hooding Ceremony, revised proposal – Nancy Hoffart*

Nancy shared the details of the proposal regarding selecting two student speakers for the Graduate Hooding Ceremony, including details on appointing an ad hoc committee from the Graduate Appeals Committee and a GSA representative. Speaker application process will remain similar and will include a rubric for speech evaluation.

Suggestion for faculty to receive call for speakers notification in order to be able to nominate speakers.

Motion to recommend that a master's student speaker be included at commencement (Hoffart, Johnson). Motion approved.

12:15

X. Adjournment – 12:16