

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Friday, January 29, 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, Tami Draves, Ben Dyson, Vidya Gargeya, Courtney Harrington, Della Hawes (for Lisa Henline), Nancy Hoffart, Lexi Hoopman, Glenn Hudak, Brad Johnson, Dennis LaJeunesse, Zhi-Jun Liu, Jodi Pettazzoni, Neelofer Qadir, Naglaa Rashwan

I. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2020

Motion to approve December 4, 2020 meeting minutes (Gargeya, Harrington).
Minutes approved.

II. Report of the Chair – Paul Steimle

Chair welcomed everyone to the new semester and recognized that everyone is busy this time of year.

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

Dean Burke advised graduate numbers are high this spring semester. Department recruitments are strong and Graduate Students are succeeding. A request was sent to all Graduate Program Directors to provide information on students whose progress to degree have been impacted by COVID-19. Cares funding should be available soon, encourage your students to read their emails and apply for the cares funding.

- Responsible Conduct in Research (action item) – Discussion concerning mandatory training in responsible conduct and research for all incoming graduate students. University Librarians are available to work with graduate classes and talk about publication ethics, etc. The Library has a liaison for every subject area and could offer disciplinary-specific modules. Training modules would ensure that students have been introduced to the concept. Suggestion to create a sub-committee to develop options for the training. Motion to begin requiring all graduate students admitted to the University to complete training in responsible conduct in research, as soon as feasible (Hoffart, Harrington). Motion approved with one abstention. Dean Burke asked that anyone interested in working on the sub-committee to contact Paul.

IV. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Nancy Hoffart

- *GCC Information Items (from January 22, 2021 meeting)*
Nancy shared a summary of items reviewed over the fall semester, a total of 235 proposals, new courses, revised courses, and program proposals. Nancy thanked

the GCC members for all their work. The GCC will continue with the Quality Improvement Project.

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

- Discuss Relief for Graduate students 2021
- Graduate Student mental health – Naglaa Rashwan

Ben advised the Policy Committee is working on several items and will meet next week.

Naglaa shared concerns of the Graduate Student Association such as mental health and resource challenges. Discussion followed concerning future surveys of current Graduate Students. Ben suggested creating a sub-committee to explore other ways of accessing the voice of graduate students.

Motion to move the current Academic Relief Policy, as is, to the spring 2021 semester (Dyson, Hoopman). Motion approved.

Motion to increase credit hours from eight to nine for the Academic Relief Policy (Dyson, Hoopman). Motion approved, one opposed.

Dean Burke will share that the impact analysis of the ARP policy with Council.

Approximately eighty students took advantage of the ARP each semester.

VI. Report of the Student Appeals Committee – No report.

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

Vidya reported that there was a discussion concerning an Ombud's office at UNCG.

VIII. New Business/Other

Greg shared that there is an inconsistency in the Graduate Policies in the catalog concerning comprehensive exams. Greg will update the language and bring it before the Council.

IX. Adjournment – 12:22 p.m.