

*Graduate Council*  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Friday, November 11, 2022 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
MHRA 2711

**Members of the Graduate Council Present:**

Vidya Gargeya	Diane Gill
Brad Johnson	Alicia Kaplan
Dennis LaJeunesse	Salih Rakap
Paul Steimle	Selima Sultana
Robert Wells	Wanda Williams

**Members of the Graduate Council Absent:**

Seth Armah	Aaron Beveridge
Terry Chavis	Alexander Grindstaff
Jennifer Park	

**Ex Officio & Non-Voting Members Present:**

Jodi Pettazzoni Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning

**Ex Officio & Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Greg Bell	Graduate School
Lisa Henline	University Registrar's Office
Rachel Olsen	University Libraries

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
11:00 a.m.	<b>I. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2022</b>  Motion to approve October 21, 2022 minutes (LaJeunesse, Steimle). Minutes approved.
11:03	<b>II. Report of the Chair – Selima Sultana</b>  Chair Sultana stated that the Graduate Faculty Meeting and Forum on November 9 went well. The presentation regarding free speech on campus was informative and Dean Bell has shared the presentation with departments. Dean Bell reported that the tuition waivers were not decreased as part of budget cuts. He reminded faculty that assistantship funds are awarded by the academic units. There was discussion regarding the possibility of assistantship/stipend funds being used toward tuition, which faculty had previously been told not to do. The Council expressed concern regarding a lack of transparency in this process.
11:13	<b>III. Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School – Greg Bell—No Report</b>
11:28	<b>IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association—Alexander Grindstaff</b>  Paul Steimle, advisor to the Graduate Student Association, reported that the GSA met last week and received an update from Donna Heath

regarding the upcoming technology changes. Currently the GSA is reviewing travel/research funding requests.

11:38      **V.      Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Brad Johnson and Dennis LaJeunesse**

- *GCC Information Items (from November 4, 2022 meeting)*

Co-chair LaJeunesse stated that the GCC approved 69 proposals at the November 4 meeting. A few proposals were approved pending revisions.

11:48      **VI.      Report of the Policies & Procedures Committee—Paul Steimle**

The Policies and Procedures Committee will meet again on November 18 and Kelly Meris from the Graduate School will attend to discuss enrollment and admission.

11:58      **VII.      Report of the Student Appeals Committee—No Report**

12:00 pm      **VIII.      Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Vidya Gargeya**

Vidya Gargeya reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on November 7. The committee discussed the Open Space consultations that will be occurring on campus with several groups to inspire creativity and innovation. The committee was also updated that UNCG will now allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at sporting events. Now allowed by the state, the sale of alcoholic beverages is expected to bring in \$25,000 per event.

12:10      **IX.      New Business/Other**

- *Curriculum deadline revisions*

Jodi Pettazoni stated that Provost Storrs directed Jodi and the University Registrar's Office to evaluate the curriculum deadlines due to feedback from faculty and deans that the current deadlines were a barrier to innovation. The Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning, the University Registrar's Office, and the Graduate School met to determine the latest possible dates for curriculum revisions. The revised deadlines (see below) will be piloted this year and feedback will be collected from stakeholders to evaluate whether the new deadlines should continue. These deadlines are set to allow for accurate advising and registration for students.

- November 15: deadline for revised courses
- December 15: deadline for new courses
- January 15: deadline for new and revised programs

The deadlines have been communicated to departments heads/chairs, associate deans, and chairs of curriculum committees. The deadlines are for Fall 2023 as allowing changes for Spring 2023 would not be logistically feasible and would lead to complications with students being held to catalog year requirements.

Vidya recommended that the GCC revisit the curriculum review tool checklists in the spring. The Council discussed that it is helpful for GCC representatives to serve as ex-officio members on their unit curriculum

committees. The Council also discussed the best ways to reach faculty regarding curriculum resources and CIM training; it can be challenging to provide the information at the time when faculty need it. They discussed attending department and unit curriculum committee meetings, particularly in the spring to encourage proactivity regarding curriculum changes. Trainings for new department heads were also suggested, and CIM training during a Graduate Council meeting was recommended too.

12:30      **X.      Adjournment**