

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Friday, March 26, 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, Dennis LaJeunesse, Zhi-Jun Liu, Chris Partridge, Jodi Pettazzoni, Neelofer Qadir, Naglaa Rashwan, Robert Wells

Time	Agenda Item
11:00 a.m.	I. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2021 Motion to approve February 19, 2021 minutes (Gargeya, Beveridge). Minutes approved.
11:03	II. Report of the Chair – Paul Steimle Chair reviewed the structure of GC agenda. The goal is to ensure all agenda items are discussed and all members have an opportunity to engage in discussion.
11:08	III. Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education – Kelly Burke Dean Burke announced Paul Steimle was re-elected Chair of the Graduate Council. We are over two hundred students above where we were in intent to enroll one year ago. Units are encouraged to continue recruitment. We will need to hold elections next meeting for the Chair-elect. Please let Paul know if you are interested in working on a specific committee. Discussion concerned Graduate Relief Policy, Dean Burke will communicate with departments and students.
11:23	IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association – Naglaa Rashwan Lexi shared an update on the Graduate Council Town Hall. The new date is Thursday, April 8 th at 4:00 p.m. Students will submit questions prior to the Town Hall. Graduate Student Appreciation Week is April 6-9, 2021. There will be opportunities for professional development, giveaways, and care package distribution. Lexi also shared information about eligibility of food stamps for students, more students are now eligible for food stamp benefits during the coronavirus pandemic. Spartan Open Pantry needs donations.
11:33	V. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Nancy Hoffart <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>GCC Information Items/Report (from April 9, 2021 meeting)</i> GCC worked on the Quality Improvement Plan with the goal of submitting a written report for the final GC meeting.

11:43

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

- Dissertation and Theses
 1. Policy on overlapping projects
 2. Previously Published Work
- Admissions Requirements (revise workflow)
- Review of GRE admission requirement

Council reviewed a draft policy on overlapping projects. Discussion concerned a form for multi-author dissertations, revision of the form to better fit overlapping projects. A policy is needed to identify what is accepted and what is acceptable. For example, dissertations produced out of collaborative labs are going to have multi-authored works that are acceptable and that upon the judgement of the committee signature that signifies the appropriate amount of individual work. The final Defense form is the one that is signifying that they've done everything they said they were going to do. We need a policy other than requiring principal authorship on every chapter. The Policy Committee will review this further.

Ben shared the Guidelines on Using Previously Published Work in Theses and Dissertations. Kelly advised a policy is needed as well as guidelines. Discussion followed concerning policy language. Motion to include "The Graduate School accepts previously published work as part of theses and dissertations." (Dyson, Beveridge), motion approved.

Ben proposed that individual program's admission requirements be considered a routine program revision with a modified CIM workflow. The Policy Committee will continue discussion.

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 shared that Andrew Cagle, from the Chancellor's Office, provided an update from the Legislature. The current proposal includes a \$2000. Bonus for employees and a 5% salary increase for 2021 and a 2% increase for 2022. The \$81 million Jackson Library investment will be considered as a bond. The Undergraduate Committee is looking at the grade replacement policy, the Grievance Committee is considering appointment of an ombudsperson for faculty and possibly staff, this would be a consultant position. There was also discussion of combining the Online and the ITS Committees. A concern was raised about not requiring GMAT and GRE scores, would this place an additional burden on the applicant. GPDs should think about their admissions requirements critically. Suggestion to have a meeting devoted to admissions requirements.

12:05

IX. New Business/Other

- Graduate Hooding Ceremony, revised proposal – Nancy Hoffart

Nancy shared draft guidelines for the Graduate Hooding Ceremony - Student Speakers. Discussion concerned make-up of the recommendation committee, suggestion to use the Student Appeals committee and add GSA representative to create an ad-hoc committee for selection of Hooding Ceremony.

12:15 **X. Adjournment**