

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES

Friday, January 31, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Faculty Center

Members of the Graduate Council Present:

Dennis LaJeunesse, Chair	Christian Moraru
Diane Gill	Robert Wells
Brad Johnson	Wanda Williams
Marianne LeGreco	Melody Patterson Zoch
Vladislav Maksimov	Terry Chavis

Members of the Graduate Council Absent (Excused):

Ben Dyson	Aileen Reid
Lakshmi Iyer	Gwen Schug
Salih Rakap	Yolanda Ikazaoboh

Ex Officio & Non-Voting Members Present:

Lisa Henline	University Registrar's Office
Jodi Pettazzoni	Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning

Ex Officio & Non-Voting Members Absent:

Greg Bell	Graduate School
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<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
11:00 a.m.	I. Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2024 Motion to approve November 15, 2024 minutes (Johnson, Wells). Minutes approved.
11:03	II. Report of the Chair—Dennis LaJeunesse Chair LaJeunesse provided a report on the Graduate Faculty Meeting (see below).
11:13	III. Report from the Graduate Faculty Meeting – Dennis LaJeunesse Chair LaJeunesse reported that the Graduate Faculty meeting on January 29 was successful. The policy regarding removing IP grades from 699 and 799 passed, and the Accelerated Master's Program and Dual Registration policy passed as well. Chair LaJeunesse stated that the direct admission that is part of the new policy will be a great recruitment tool for successful undergraduate students.

- 11:28 **IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association – Terry Chavis**
- Terry reported that the first GSA meeting of the new year is upcoming and that GSA meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each month. He stated that some students have been requesting funding whose departments are not represented at GSA (departments must be represented at GSA for students in those departments to receive funding). Terry shared that GSA has reached out to the departments not represented at GSA and that they have received responses from several departments. Chair LaJeunesse inquired about the timing of regular communication to departments regarding regular representatives and suggested they may want to add more communications.
- Terry reported that the GSA website is being updated and that the website will clarify that funding for students is provided as a reimbursement. GSA is under budget so additional funding will be available. Some of the funds set aside for the executive board will be available for student funding. The GSA has also proposed to stagger the elections of the executive board to avoid having the full executive board graduate at the same time.
- 11:38 **V. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Robert Wells**
- *GCC Information Items (from January 24, 2025 meeting)*
- Chair Wells stated that the GCC had a lengthy agenda at the January meeting. Some proposals were approved electronically prior to the January meeting, and additional proposals were approved electronically the week following the meeting. A handful of proposals will be discussed following the Graduate Council meeting today.
- Chair LaJeunesse discussed that when the GCC has downtime it may be helpful to work with departments to review SLOs. Marianne LeGreco stated that some departments, such as Communication Studies, have an interest in reviewing and updating SLOs. The Council discussed that SLOs could be a good topic for a future Graduate Faculty meeting or a workshop and that CIM training could be beneficial as well.
- 11:48 **VI. Report of the Policies & Procedures Committee – Brad Johnson**
- *New policies from Graduate Faculty Meeting*
- Chair Johnson praised the committee’s work in passing the policies regarding IP grades and Accelerated Master’s Programs/Dual Registration. The Graduate School will work on a form for Accelerated Master’s Programs and it is not yet decided if the form will be in Slate or a stand alone form. Dual registration students can use the drop/add form. The Policy committee may review the Academic Recovery policy in future meetings.
- 11:58 **VII. Report of the Student Appeals Committee—No report**
- 12:00 pm **VIII. Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Dennis LaJeunesse**
- Chair LaJeunesse encouraged the Council to attend the Faculty Senate meeting on February 5. He stated that there will be discussion of the savings from APR as well as self governance. There has also been

discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion courses in response to federal and state pressures. Chair LaJeunesse also reported that there has been discussion of the change in criteria for Carnegie classification of universities. He stated that UNCG technically should have moved from R2 to R1 but that did not due to an issue with reporting of expenditures.

Chair LaJeunesse shared that per Laura Pipe there will be more AI initiatives and workshops upcoming. Departments are encouraged to explore AI matters and set their own policies.

12:30

IX. Adjournment