

Graduate Council
GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA
Friday, April 25, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Faculty Center

Members of the Graduate Council Present:

Dennis LaJeunesse, Chair	Salih Rakap
Ben Dyson, Chair-Elect	Gwen Schug
Lakshmi Iyer	Robert Wells
Brad Johnson	Wanda Williams
Vladislav Maksimov	Melody Patterson Zoch
Christian Moraru	Yolanda Ikazaoboh

Members of the Graduate Council Absent (excused):

Marianne LeGreco	Terry Chavis
Aileen Reid	

Ex Officio & Non-Voting Members Present:

Jodi Pettazzoni	Office of Assessment, Accreditation, and Academic Program Planning
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Ex Officio & Non-Voting Members Absent:

Greg Bell	Graduate School
Lisa Henline	University Registrar's Office

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
11:00 a.m.	<p>I. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2025</p> <p>Motion to approve March 28, 2025 minutes (Iyer, Wells). Minutes approved.</p>
11:03	<p>II. Report of the Chair—Dennis LaJeunesse</p> <p>Chair LaJeunesse reported that the Graduate Faculty meeting was held last week and that staff from the Global Engagement Office (GEO) attended. GEO staff provided information about student visas and the SEVIS system. GEO recommends that international students avoid international travel and domestic air travel due to increased scrutiny. Chair LaJeunesse discussed that once doctoral students have completed their coursework and begun work on their dissertations that they can enroll in dissertation extension courses elsewhere if necessary. The Council discussed that some international students and faculty from UNCG have been able to travel without negative outcomes but that travel is still risky. The Council expressed concern regarding whether travel guidance is being communicated to students and discussed sending a communication. The Council emphasized that the GEO has the best information on the situation and has a website addressing the situation.</p> <p>Chair LaJeunesse thanked the Council members for their service.</p>

- 11:13 **III. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School – Greg Bell—No report**
- 11:28 **IV. Report of the Graduate Student Association – Terry Chavis—No report**
- 11:38 **V. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee – Robert Wells**
- *GCC Information Items (from April 11, 2025 meeting)*
- Chair Wells reported that Dean Mattacola from the School of Health and Human Sciences attended the April 11 meeting in support of the proposed Occupational Therapy OTD program. The committee engaged in a dialogue with him and had several questions following the meeting. Dean Mattacola has been asked to provide a response, which will be reviewed at the May 2 meeting. The GCC approved a couple of other proposals and approved GCC chair-elect Salih Rakap to review/approve any urgent curriculum proposals that may arise over the summer.
- 11:48 **VI. Report of the Policies & Procedures Committee – Brad Johnson**
- Chair Johnson stated that Dean Bell presented the Academic Recovery policies at the Graduate Faculty meeting, and the policies were approved. The faculty had some questions, mainly regarding who has the ability to implement the policies, and Dean Bell emphasized that the faculty/graduate program directors make the decision on whether or not to utilize the policy for a specific student.
- 11:58 **VII. Report of the Student Appeals Committee—No report**
- 12:00 pm **VIII. Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Dennis LaJeunesse—No report**
- 12:30 **IX. Adjournment**