



Graduate Council
Minutes: Thursday, April 14, 2022, 3:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Martha Day, Dana Sullivan, Julie Sisler, Brooke Oak, Aaron Hughey, Nicholas Fessler, Carl Dick, Ranjit Koodali, Adam West, Katrina Burch, Ann Ferrell, Richard Schugart, Sarah Ochs, Ray Blankenship, Marla Zobel

Guest: Lizzie Doerr, Eve Main, Kelly Madole, Danita Kelley, Merrall Price, Jieyoung Kong, Cathleen Webb, Beth Laves, Jessica Dorris, Jenni Redifer, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Kurt Neelly, Evelyn Thrasher, Whitley Stone, Susan Keeseey, Alexander Olson, Jennifer Hammonds, Dan Strunk, Dana Cosby

Absent: Lily Popova Zhuhadar, Jacob Howard, Ahmet Aydin, Cheryl Hopson, Scott Arnett, Grant Malone

1. Call to Order *Day
2. Consideration of March 10, 2022, minutes (APPENDIX A) *Motion to approve. Dick/Ferrell. Approved.
3. Report from Graduate Council Executive Committee (Election Results, Appendix B)

*Day. Thanks to those have served on this committee in the past.

*Ray Blankenship appointed for the next 3 years by Gordon Ford College

*Andi Paganelli appointed by the College of Education and Behavioral Science,

*William Strunk appointed by Ogden College.

*Catherine Wilson appointed by Potter College of Arts and Letters.

*Whitley Stone, College of Health and Human Services

4. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Committee (Appendix C) *Day. two polices set forth as action items have been moved to information items due to the need for additional discussion: JUMP Policy revision and undergraduate enrollment in graduate courses policy. An Ad Hoc committee will be formed to create a recommendation within the upcoming academic year

*Schugart details the recommendations of the policy committee

*Koodali – Provost expressed concerns over policy committee meetings. Provost recommended allowing JUMP students up to 12 graduate credit hours and double counting 9 hours.

*Schugart. Discusses meetings with the Provost.

*Laves, acting SACSCOC liaison. Discusses research on SACSCOC universities and most land at the 9 hours of double count and 12 as maximum of graduate hours. Anything above is an outlier and would be examined very carefully by the committee and not be accepted. Based on a conversation with the VP for SACSCOC, additional justification is required for programs that have less than 150 credit hours in combined programs, because it could affect the integrity of the Undergraduate and graduate degree. Best to lie within the SACSCOC recommendation.

*Burch states concern that the six to nine double counting doesn't take into account the number of credit hours for the graduate programs with SACSCOC.

*Laves states that justification for outlier policies will be difficult to draft and may not have the desired result without input from the undergraduate curriculum committee or governance. When an undergraduate course is replaced by a graduate course, it calls into question the integrity of that graduate course.

*Burch points out that the JUMP programs with rigorous requirements shows the integrity of the graduate course.

*Burch and Laves discuss the justification for SACSCOC and the concerns regarding the SACSCOC VP recommendation.

*Dick provides background on the past efforts to create a university policy for JUMP.

*Discussion ensues.

*Day asks that Price serve on the ad hoc committee for JUMP policy.

*Schugart. Additional information is available via a spreadsheet that was previously shared.

*Day explains that the ad hoc committee was formed because there needs to be adequate communication with groups on campus that are not in the Graduate Council.

*Price. Asks that Bath Laves and Ranjit Koodali be included in the ad hoc committee JUMP policy.

*Laves asks that Jennifer Hammonds also be included in the ad hoc committee.

*Kelley suggests including someone at the undergraduate level as well.

*Discussion ensues.

*Schugart explains that at the last meeting, they were asked to consider changes to the Graduate Council guidelines and charter; discussion was tabled for the next academic year.

b. Curriculum Committee Minutes (Appendix D) *Day. Motion to Approve. Aaron/West. Approved.

c. Student Research Grants Committee (No Report)

*Ochs thanks committee members for their service.

5. Graduate School Reports

a. Graduate School Enrollment Reports (No Report)

*Koodali discusses enrollment. There is no report but there is a folder in Visual Analytics. Please contact Dr. Tuesdi Helbig if you would like access.

b. Report from the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education (APPENDIX E)

*Koodali provides the information that Graduate Admissions incomplete applications are being deactivated and mentions the reports being sent to graduate program coordinators.

*Koodali provides details for upcoming outreach events.

*Koodali gives updates regarding Graduate Records, including thesis deadline and Degree Works.

*Koodali details marketing and recruitment events that are upcoming.

*Koodali shows the list of Graduate Assistantship and Fellowship applications.

6. Public Comments

*Day begins the Election of Vice Chair. Sarah Ochs nominated by Aaron Hughey. Nomination accepted. Fourteen affirmative votes received. Sarah Ochs is elected as Vice Chair

*Day. There will be no meeting in May. Regarding in-person vs virtual Graduate council meeting for the upcoming academic year, votes within the council were evenly split, which means the council will defer to the Senate and their meeting format.

7. Announcements & Adjourn *Day. Motion to adjourn. West. Adjourned.