

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

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**January 7, 2020**

Members Present: Allan, Craig – Geography and Earth Sciences  
Anderson, Nadia – School of Architecture  
Browne, Aidan – Engineering Technology & Construction Management  
Burfield, Allison – School of Nursing  
Godev, Concepción – Languages & Culture Studies and Graduate Council Chair  
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary & K-12 (alternate for Lyndon Abrams, CLSG)  
Lipford, Heather – Software & Information Systems  
Mauer, David – Finance  
Miller, Elizabeth - English  
Reynolds, Tom – Graduate School Dean (ex-officio, non-voting)  
Scarborough, Beth – Atkins Library  
Suptela, Alex – PhD Candidate, BIOL and Graduate Student Representative (GPSG)

Also Attending: Goodliffe, Julie – Graduate School  
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School  
Morse, Janet – Graduate School  
Murphy, Shannon – Funding Committee, Master’s Student Representative  
Perez Quinones, Manuel – CCI/Graduate School  
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School  
White, Brian – Graduate School

Absent: Tabor, James – Religious Studies

## **I. Discussion Topic**

- A. Continuation of the GASP Funding Proposal as presented by Rick Tankersley, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development on Dec. 3, 2019

The discussion was led by Manuel Perez Quinones and Dean Tom Reynolds. While the Graduate Council agrees with items identified in the Graduate Student Funding Recommendations (final report Feb. 2019), they have concerns with Tankersley’s interpretation of policy revisions for implementing the recommendations with respect to funding the initiative. His changes would impact admissions negatively and would also cost additional money that the Graduate School/University does not have without an additional infusion of money. And at this time, it has not been made clear if or where the additional infusion of monies would come from.

A separate meeting took place on Dec. 17, 2019 between the Provost, Tankersley, Perez Quinones and Dean Reynolds. While information was presented by individuals, it was clear that the Provost would not be in favor of anything that would impact graduate or undergraduate student admissions negatively.

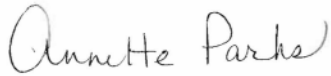
As of now, the proposal presented by Tankersley will not move forward.

V. **Other Business**

The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Mauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Burfield. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette Parks".

Annette Parks  
Graduate Council Secretary