

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 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/Graduate Council Chair
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary & K-12 Educ (alt. for L.Abrams, CLSG)
Mauer, David – Finance
Miller, Elizabeth – English (joined meeting via WebEx, but had technological difficulties and had to drop out).
Mostafavi, Taghi – Computer Science (alternate for Heather Lipford, SIS)
Reynolds, Tom – Graduate School Dean (ex-officio, non-voting)
Scarborough, Beth – Atkins Library
Suptela, Alex – PhD Candidate, BIOL and Grad Student Rep (GPSG)
Tabor, James – Religious Studies

Also Attending: Goodliffe, Julie – Graduate School
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Names-Mattefs, Alaina
Perez-Quinones, Manuel
Rasmussen, Lisa – Philosophy and Graduate School Faculty Fellow
Skerlak, Christi – Graduate School
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance, Academic Affairs

I. Report of the Chair – Concepcion Godev

A. Approval of the March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The March 10 meeting minutes were approved as submitted by a unanimous vote.

B. Office and Research and Economic Development Feedback (RED)

Godev communicated that there has been no response from RED concerning the proposed definitions for TA/RA assistants. Tankersley, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development stated that he had not been able to address this with his staff. His plans are to include this topic on their May meeting agenda. The vote by the Council is deferred until we receive a response from the RED Office.

II. Report of the Dean – Tom Reynolds

Dean Reynolds deferred his report time to Katherine Hall-Hertel and Johnna Watson (Graduate School) for an update on graduate student admissions and graduate academic affairs.

Report by Johnna Watson, Associate Dean for the Graduate School

While the application numbers have decreased for summer/fall, the intent to enroll is up from this time last year. The university is looking at ways to stay competitive with rates for online programming for students. 1500 students have registered to take online summer courses and 2500 have registered for fall.

We are offering a one-time GASP extension for doctoral students who are nominated by their Graduate Program Directors. For more information on this extension, contact Julie Goodliffe, Director of Funding and Fellowships (Graduate School).

We are partnering with University Communications and using social media to run Distance Education campaigns thru June 2020.

Report by Katherine Hall-Hertel, Associate Dean for the Graduate School

The deadline for Philanthropic awards has passed and we realized 728 applications for awards, an increase of 350 from last year.

1353 students applied to graduate in May. 94% have been cleared to graduate.

GRAD 6777 is being used for students to take an Incomplete for a course. They can enroll in this non-credit, non-tuition place holder.

We have extended the deadline for defenses to May 1. The CGL is doing a lot of outreach to Students through blogging and social media and other communications. Every Monday a newsletter goes out to students.

III. Course and Curriculum Proposals

A. Graduate Certificate Renewal – Applied Ethics

Lisa Rasmussen from the Department of Philosophy attended to field questions. There was much discussion over the need to continue a program which has few students enrolled and/or graduated. Rasmussen explained that it was a way to engage students to segue into the master's program. And because there was no additional cost to administer the program, the department would like to leave it on the books as an option.

Mauer made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Browne. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

B. New Graduate Degree Program, Letter of Intent – DNP to PhD Bridge

David Langford from the School of Nursing attended to field questions. Langford reported that the PhD in Nursing has been a long-term goal. In the future, students can take just the PhD, but for now, DNP students can continue into a research role into the PhD. Three North Carolina State schools offer the PhD, Greensboro, Chapel Hill and Eastern Carolina. The DNP attracts CRNA's, Nurse practitioners and Admins. The PhD is a research focus degree. There have been ongoing discussions with Atrium Health about the creation of more entry level nurses. Pharmaceutical and Biotech companies want someone to do the clinical trials.

The Graduate Council's concern was not having a PhD in place. How do you develop this bridge if you don't have the PhD in place? Langford stated that the college has enough PhDs within the college to do this. Our PhDs have the courses and faculty. It's a matter of bringing them together. We can recruit students who have completed the DNP.

Burfield made a motion to approve the proposal with a second from Anderson. There were two "no" votes and one abstention. The proposal was passed with a majority in favor.

C. New Graduate Program, Dual Degree – English M.A. and Creative Writing M.F.A.

No discussion was requested in Curriculog. Mostafavi made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Burfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. ESCI 5122 – Statistics and Data Analysis in Earth Sciences

No discussion was requested in Curriculog. Mostafavi made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Burfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. ITCS 5153 – Applied Artificial Intelligence

A discussion took place with the following revisions to the syllabus:

1. Include the graduate grading scale.
2. Please clarify if this course will be cross listed with a 4000-level course.

Mauer made a motion to approve pending revisions with a second from Allan. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. ITCS 5331 – Web-based Mobile & IoT Firmware Security

No discussion was requested in Curriculog. Mostafavi made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Burfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

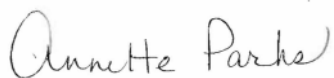
V. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Mauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,



Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary