

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

Members Present:

Dalton, David, Chair – Languages & Culture Studies
Canevello, Amy – Psychological Science
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
Lai, Gene – Finance
McAdams, Jeff – Atkins Library
Moller, Stephanie - Sociology
Mostafavi, Taghi – Computer Science
Peterson, Nicole – Anthropology

Also Attending:

Bertone, Alicia – Provost for Academic Affairs
Cruz Casas, Carlos - Theatre
Godev, Concepcion – Graduate Council Chair Elect
Goodliffe, Julie – Graduate School
Hall Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Rodriguez, Monica – Languages and Culture Studies
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance

Absent:

Brown, Dace – Public Health Sciences (conflict)
Mukherjee, Pinku – Out of the country
Sarkar, Kaustavi – Dance
Smithwick, Jake – Engineering Technology and Construction Management
(traveling)

I. **Report of the Chair – Dr. David Dalton**

Chair Dalton opened the meeting.

A. Approval of the April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted by Canevello with a second from Lai. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

II. **Report of the Graduate School Dean**

Johnna Watson, Graduate School Associate Dean represented Interim Dean Mukherjee who was out of the country.

- Watson reported on graduate enrollment numbers for summer/fall 2023.
- Watson encouraged the Council to continue working with their departments and colleges to recruit students. Enrollment continues to look good but there is still a lot of work to do to bring in students for this fall.

III. Discussion Topics

A. Provost Alicia Bertone – Guest Speaker

- Bertone shared that enrollment is critical.
- Charlotte has always had good enrollment, so declining numbers is not something we are used to.
- The UNC System office is changing the way they measure enrollment.
- Looking at graduation rates. Changing to 4-year graduation rates. International graduation rates are down and domestic graduations rates are down.
- We need to start looking ahead now. We might be looking at a #9M budget cut so we need to be intentional and creative.
- The value of education is different than a workforce.
- Every degree has a positive net impact. Architecture is off the scale.
- The UNC Systems Office has to approve all new programs. We want to capitalize on our strengths and a niche that can't be duplicated by NC State or Chapel Hill.
- We need a balance of domestic and international students.

B. Early Entry/Dual Degree Discussion – Nicole Peterson

- Council member Peterson discussed how certain policies surrounding early entry and the one-year window to declare a dual degree have affected the ability of Anthropology and Public Health to recruit students.
- Peterson to put forward a proposal this fall requesting to change to 18 credits instead of one year.

C. Second Reading: English Language Proficiency: Expanded Pathways Proposal - Johnna Watson (Graduate School)

- Monica Rodriguez attended and shared that there have been no complaints from students over the use of Duolingo
- Watson provided a quick recap and then the Council voted.
- A motion was made by Lachance to approve the proposal as submitted with a second from Lai. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

D. Request to Establish – MFA, Community Centered Practices – Carlos Cruz Casas

- Cruz shared that arts and the community intersect.
- The program promotes internships and civic engagement.
- He shared that we already have the culture and diversity in our student population.
- The program will be interdisciplinary, 36 credit hours.
- A motion was made by Peterson to approve the request with a second from Moller. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

- A. SOWK 5105 – Telehealth Interventions for Youth and Families
Originator: Travis Hales, School of Social Work
Graduate Council Assignments: Lai and Sarkar

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mostafavi to approve the proposal as submitted with a second from Canevello. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- B. SOWK 5114 – Social Work to Improve LGBT+ Health & Wellbeing
Originator: Travis Hales, School of Social Work
Graduate Council Assignments: Lachance and Mostafavi

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mostafavi to approve the proposal as submitted with a second from Canevello. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- C. SOWK 5280 – The Experience of Dementia
Originator: Travis Hales, School of Social Work
Graduate Council Assignments: Smithwick and Brown

1. A request was made to separate the UG syllabus from the Graduate syllabus. A new graduate syllabus was submitted and uploaded to the proposal.

There being no further questions, a motion was made by Mostafavi to approve the proposal pending this revision with a second from Canevello. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- D. SOWK 5353 – Environments for Aging
Originator: Travis Hales, School of Social Work
Graduate Council Assignments: Canevello, Peterson and Moller

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mostafavi to approve the proposal as submitted with a second from Canevello. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- E. SOWK 7110 – Cognitive Behavior Therapy
Originator: Travis Hales, School of Social Work
Graduate Council Assignments: Canevello, Peterson and Moller

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mostafavi to approve the proposal as submitted with a second from Canevello. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

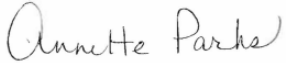
V. Other Business

- Syllabus reviews by Graduate Council members
- Interim Graduate School Dean's Review (Mukherjee)

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50pm.

Next Meeting: 2023-2024 Schedule to be determined.
12:30-2:00pm – Reese 211

Respectfully,



Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary