

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022

Members Present:

Dalton, David, (Chair), Languages & Culture Studies
Brintnall, Kent, Religious Studies
Canevello, Amy – Psychological Science
Fenwick, Abbey – Kinesiology
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
Lai, Gene – Finance
Morse, Ed – Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science
Mostafavi, Taghi – Computer Science
Reynolds, Tom – Associate Provost and Graduate School Dean
Truesdale, Angel – Atkins Library
Udeubor, Mike – PhD Candidate, Civil Engr/Grad Student Rep (GPSG)

Guests Present:

Basinger, Erin – Communication Studies
Browne, Aidan – Engineering Technology and Construction Management
Eppes, Missy - Geography
Goodliffe, Julie – Graduate School
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Huerta, Jill – Graduate School
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Lorden, Joan – Academic Affairs
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Mukherjee, Pinku – CLAS Dean's office
Names-Mattefs, Alaina – CLAS
Pearce, Trevor - Philosophy
Pitts, Andrea – Philosophy
Rasmussen, Monica – PhD Candidate, INES Program
Rodriquez, Monica – Languages and Culture Studies
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
White, Brian – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance

Absent:

Cooke, Sekou – The School of Architecture
Chakrabarti, Kausik – BIOL, alternate, attending for Nicole Peterson

I. Graduate Assistantship funding (Grant Support Policy) – Provost Joan Lorden

- Provost Lorden shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Council. This has also been shared with the Chancellor's Leadership Team.

- In 2003, there were 25 PhD graduate students per year. There were few assistantships and waivers. It's not really a waiver; the funding had to come from somewhere. The dollars were taken from tuition and enrollment funding.
- There is a patchwork of many types of support. We weren't creating positions for students but trying to find funding.
- Dr. Jay Raja went to all of the colleges with a series of recommendations. First, graduate students were classified into four categories of responsibility:
 1. Teaching Assistants – Full Time TA's
 2. Research Assistants
 3. Instructional Assistants – grading, record keeping, etc. (recommendation \$20/hour)
 4. Graduate Assistants – various positions
- Each program should have a framework for what their programs need as far as student employment.
- We must be consistent across the board with compensating students with like tasks.
- Students fees are a challenge for us. The fees at UNC Charlotte are higher than any other university in the UNC System. It's the biggest source of complaint from students. If we covered ENT/Health Services fees, it would be close to \$800 per year.
- A list of questions from attendees in the Zoom chat was shared with the Provost to address. They will be added to the website along with the meeting minutes.

II. Report of the Chair – Dr. David Dalton

A. Approval of the April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Report of the Dean – Dr. Tom Reynolds

- Dean Reynolds thanked the Council for a productive spring.
- Applications and enrollment numbers are up, mostly international students. He encouraged the Council members to reach out to the admitted students to complete their enrollment.
- Commencement for graduate students is Friday, May 13, 2022 at 6:00pm in Richardson Stadium.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

A. Applied Energy and Electromechanical Systems, M.S. Graduate Degree Name Change

Originator: Aidan Browne, Engineering Technology and Construction Mgmt.

Graduate Council Assignments: All members

Lai made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Canevello. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

B. ITIS 6270- BlockChain, Cryptocurrency, and Distributed Ledger Tech

Originator: Jinpeng Wei, Software and Information Systems

Graduate Council Assignments: Brintnall, Canevello, Cooke, Chakrabarti, Fenwick

- Please revise to include the graduate grading scale, remove undergraduate scale.
- It would be helpful to explain how Wiki pages are being used as textbooks and examples of what “other assignments” would entail.

Lai made a motion to approve the proposal pending revisions with a second from Canevello. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

C. ITIS 8270 – BlockChain, Cryptocurrency, and Distributed Ledger Tech

Originator: Jinpeng Wei, Software and Information Systems

Graduate Council Assignments: Lachance, Lai, Mostafavi and Uduebor

- Please revise to include the graduate grading scale, remove undergraduate scale.
- Please include a timeframe for topics listed, (i.e., Week 1 – Topic, Week 2 – Topic, etc.).

Lai made a motion to approve the proposal pending revisions with a second from Canevello. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

V. Discussion Items

A. Priorities for the coming year:

1. Morse

- Be better advocates for graduate programs.
- No offense to the current CLAS members, but balance the interest of how the Graduate Council is represented. CLAS has three members on the Council versus one from the other colleges.

Dean Reynolds communicated that when the Graduate Council was first established, CLAS had and still has such a diversity in disciplines, that it was allowed so that representation was included for the Sciences, Humanities and Liberal Arts studies. With the pending review of possibly restructuring the college, this may be changed in the near future. The Graduate Council would need to make a proposal to the FEC (Faculty Executive Council) for any change to this body.

2. Dalton

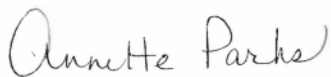
- Integrating into an R1 university and mapping out moving forward
- The Graduate Council should be allowed to weigh in on 50.5 (Tuition Remission for Graduate Students Supported by Sponsored Awards). We need to understand our role and how it is being interpreted. The Graduate School has researched how other universities are interpreting the policy.

VI. Other Business

Mostafavi called for a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Lai.

The meeting ended at 1:43pm.

Respectfully,



Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary