

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

Members Present:

Dalton, David, Chair – Languages & Culture Studies
Canevello, Amy – Psychological Science
Chattopadhyay, Jackie – Political Science and Public Administration (alternate)
Lai, Gene – Finance
Lachance, Joan – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
Mostafavi, Taghi – Computer Science
Peterson, Nicole – Anthropology
Reynolds, Tom – Associate Provost and Graduate School Dean
Sarkar, Kaustavi – Dance

Also Attending:

Arif, Ahmed – Public Health Sciences
Cameron, Chris - Africana Studies
Gamez, Jose – The College of Arts + Architecture
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Warren-Findlow, Jan – Public Health Sciences
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Faculty Governance Assistant, Academic Affairs

Absent:

Brown, Dace - Public Health Sciences
Johnson, Brandon – GPSG Student Rep and PhD Candidate, Curr & Instruction
McAdams, Jeff – Atkins Library
Smithwick, Jake – Engineering Technology and Construction Management

I. Report of the Chair – Dr. David Dalton

Chair Dalton opened the meeting.

A. Approval of the September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted by a unanimous vote.

II. Report of the Graduate School Dean – Dr. Tom Reynolds

Faculty Awards: Reynolds reminded the Council of the deadlines for the three faculty awards that the Graduate School facilitates coming up soon.

Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award – deadline for nominations is November 4, 2022. The link for the nomination form and criteria is below.

[Harshini V. de Silva Nomination Process](#)

First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal Award – deadline for nominations is November 11. The link for the nomination form and criteria is below:

[First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal Award](#)

One change to note about this competition, it is being changed to be offered every other year instead of annually.

Reynolds Leadership Award – deadline for nominations is February 3, 2023. The link for the nomination form and criteria is below.

<https://sites.google.com/uncc.edu/gs-award-gateway/home/thomas-l-reynolds-leadership-award>

Dean Reynolds encouraged the Council to share this information with their departments and colleges and to nominate their graduate faculty who meet the criteria. These competitions are important to recognize deserving faculty members.

Graduate School Relocation: Reynolds shared that the Graduate School is scheduled to start moving into its new location on the fifth floor of Reese the week of October 10, 2022. Some of the Graduate Admissions staff will occupy the first floor of Reese. The Admissions Counselors are currently working out of the former location of the Center for Graduate Life & Learning (CGLL) in Cone 268. The new location for the CGLL is in Atkins 146, across from the University Career Center.

Graduate Enrollment: Johnna Watson, Graduate School gave an update on graduate enrollment.

- Final numbers post census were 6,090 graduate students, down from last year (6332). In terms of funding, that's a difference of \$12M less than last year.
- We are funded off of Credit Hours and not student numbers.
- Continuing student numbers are down. Graduate Certificate numbers are down. (mostly Teaching Certificates)
- New Graduate Certificates is the same as last year.
- Engineering numbers are up, as well as HHS and Construction Management, while Business graduate student numbers are down.
- There is a project being looked at to allow students to enroll in programs during the second half of the semester. Will keep you posted on the status.

III. Discussion Topics

A. SP/UP Grade Proposal Revision – Sandy Krause, Graduate School

Krause asked the Council for any feedback on the proposed clarification of verbiage. There being none, Lai made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Peterson. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

- A. Africana Studies, M.A. (New Graduate Program – Preliminary Authorization)
Originator: Dr. Christopher Cameron, Interim Chair, Africana Studies
Graduate Council Assignments: All members

Africana Studies has a successful graduate certificate program but students could not get Financial Aid. Dr. Cameron took over as chair in 2021 and continued the work of the former chair Dr. Julia Jordan Zachary of starting a Master's program. This Master's program will have three primary areas and 100% online.

Areas of Concentrations:

- Pedagogy of race and the Black experience
- Social Justice/Policy and Community Development
- History, Culture and the arts

Courses are being developed now for the program. The program will be 30 credits, up to six can be from outside the department, with 80% online.

The goal is to develop the competence and skills of citizens, students and professionals who desire to advance their career or professional needs.

This helps to advance the UNC System's goal of improving local communities and strengthening the state's economy.

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

B. Health Services Research, PhD (Graduate Degree Name Change)

Originator: Dr. Ahmed Arif, Public Health Sciences

Graduate Council Assignments: All members

The program began in 2003 and started out as an interdisciplinary program. Now housed in the Public Health Sciences department, the program is classified under Public Health, General. With the rollout of the new STEM CIP Codes in 2020, Epidemiology and Biostatistics were introduced. The new CIP code more accurately reflects the curriculum and the quantitative and methodological skills acquired throughout the PhD program and is a better fit for the program, thus the new name of the PhD in Epidemiology.

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

V. Other Business

- A. Peterson brought up a discussion surrounding trying to find ways to work with the resources we have, namely lecturers versus tenured faculty. Should we re-evaluate levels? Lecturers are not required to do research. There is also a hierarchy of power. SACS provides a rationale. Exceptions have been made, so there can be options with a strong justification.
- B. Discussion topics for the future as we move forward to R1 status:
- Understanding GTA funds, Funding 101, tuition changes
 - Graduate Student workloads, work/life balances, Carnegie requirements

C. Update on interim Dean of the Graduate School

- Internal search
- Interim will be appointed before December 31, 2022
- Candidates will meet with the Graduate Council
- The term of the interim candidate could extend to 18 months to allow the new Provost to conduct a search.

Sarkar made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Canevello.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:13pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022, **12:30-2:00pm – New Location Reese 211**

Respectfully,



Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary