

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019

Members Present: 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
Makas, Emily – Arch (alternate for Nadia Anderson, School of Arch)
Mauer, David – Finance
Reynolds, Tom – Graduate School Dean (ex-officio, non-voting)
Richardson, Christine – Biological Science (alternate for Elizabeth Miller, ENGL)
Scarborough, Beth – Atkins Library
Suptela, Alex – PhD Candidate, BIOL and Graduate Student Representative (GPSG)
Tabor, James – Religious Studies

Also Attending: Depken, Craig – Economics (attended for Dolly King, Finance)
Goodliffe, Julie – Graduate School
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Krause, Sandy – Graduate School
Morse, Janet – Graduate School
Names-Mattefs, Alaina - CLAS
Perez Quinones, Manuel – CCI/Graduate School
Skerlak, Christi – Graduate School
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
White, Brian – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Academic Affairs, Faculty Governance Assistant

I. Report of the Chair – Concepcion Godev

Deferred to allow time for guest speaker for Discussion Topic – GASP Funding Proposal

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

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III. Discussion Topic

A. GASP Policy Proposal – Response to Graduate Council’s Concerns - Rick Tankersley

Tankersley presented a PowerPoint document to address the Graduate Council’s concerns over changing the current policy 50.5 on graduate student funding. His

presentation communicated that the revised policy would address the following:

- address stipend levels
- Extend GASP to Master's students.
- Incentivize departments/programs who increase the number of students supported by grants.
- Increase the duration of RA support to a full academic year.
- If the grant does not cover 100% of indirect costs, then GASP will pay the difference.
- We will realize a significant cost savings – plan will no longer pay the non-residential tuition amount.
- Phase in new students to the plan. Encourage programs to recruit in-state students.
- The funding will be tied to the award and not the student.
- This proposal will make it easier to move students from RA to TA funding. The old plan would not let you re-budget in the last 90 days of the contract.
- The goal is to have fewer students supported by institutional funds.

The Council still had questions about where the additional monies are coming from to support all of these items. Tankersley said that he had conversations with the Provost and the Chancellor and they were committed to providing funding.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

A. Mathematical Finance and Business Administration, M.S./MBA Dual Degree (New Program)

Originator: Dolly King, Department Chair, Finance

Graduate Council Assignments – Jose Gamez, Heather Lipford, Joan Lachance

Craig Depken attended to field questions. Lachance made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Lipford. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

B. Mathematical Finance and Economics, M.S., Dual Degree (New Program)

Originator: Dolly King, Department Chair, Finance

Graduate Council Assignments – Aidan Browne, Allison Burfield, Christine Richardson

Craig Depken attended to field any questions. Burfield made a motion to approve as submitted with a second from Richardson. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. SPED 6335 – Evidence-Based Practices for Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Originator: Ya-yu Lo, Special Education

Graduate Council Assignments – David Mauer, Craig Allan, James Tabor and Alex Suptela

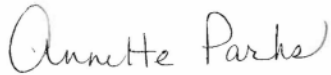
Rob Pennington attended to field questions. It was suggested that the department include a more specific grading scale. Mauer made a motion to approve as submitted but give consideration to the suggested edit with a second from Suptela. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

V. **Other Business**

No other business was communicated.

Mauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Burfield. The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Annette Parks
Graduate Council Secretary