

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2013

Members Present: Anderson, Kelly – Special Ed and Child Development  
Birdsong, Sarah - GPSG Student Representative  
Davis, Christine – Communication Studies  
Gray, Lee – Architecture  
Lee, Othelia – Social Work (alternate for Michael Thompson, PHS)  
Lipford, Heather Richter – Software & Information Systems  
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics (Graduate Council Chair)  
Reynolds, Tom – Associate Provost for Graduate Programs and Dean  
Smith, Stephanie Moller - Sociology  
Swayne, Linda – Marketing (alternate for Peter Schwarz, Econ)  
Walker, Judy – Atkins Library  
Zhou, Aixi – Engineering Tech and Construction Mgmt

Absent: Ojaide, Tanure – Africana Studies

Also Attending: Susan Sell – Graduate School  
Johnna Watson – Graduate School  
Matt Wyse – Academic Affairs

## I. Approval for the March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order. Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the March 12, 2013 meeting minutes. There was one correction – add Kelly Anderson in attendance. There being no further discussion, the motion was made to approve the minutes pending the one revision. The motion was made by Swayne with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

## II. Report of the Chair

- Chair McGregor welcomed Othelia Lee, attending for Michael Thompson.
- The Chair reported sad news that a MS Econ student Alex Chamberlain passed away over the weekend.
- Chair McGregor commended the GPSG for their hard work for the Graduate Research Symposium. Sarah Birdsong and Liz Shockey did a great job; it was well organized.
- Announced that Sarah Birdsong, Graduate Council Student Rep was defending on Thursday, April 4, 2013.

## III. Report of the Dean

- The CIO Search Committee is underway with airport interviews on Thursday and Friday. Campus Interviews will be held April 17-19. Please plan on attending if your schedules permit. There is a good group of candidates; will be a tough choice.

- Opportunity to participate in the Graduate Teaching Award Competition. For more information, please visit the Graduate School and CGL website.
- Good luck to Sarah Birdsong as she defends on Thursday.

#### IV. Graduate Course and Curriculum Proposals

##### A. ECON 11-30-12: Replacing Current Concentrations in the MS Econ Degree with Options that currently exist.

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Swayne made the motion with a second from Birdsong. There being no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve as submitted. The motion was made by Davis with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### B. ENGL 11-27-2012: Effective Grant Writing

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Davis made the motion with a second from Smith. Two revisions were noted:

- The pre-requisite for the proposed course should be included in the catalog copy.
- The syllabus should include the A-B-C-U graduate grading scale.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve pending these two revisions. The motion was made by Anderson with a second from Davis. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### C. GEOG 01-15-13: Coupled Human and Natural Systems

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Birdsong made the motion with a second from Swayne. A discussion ensued and the following revisions are requested:

- The courses being created are GEOG 6620/8620, ESCI 6620, and INES 8620, so references to GEOG/ESCI/INES 6000/8000 need to be corrected
- The syllabus says nothing about which students are evaluated.
- The syllabus needs to include the A-B-C-U graduate grading scale.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve pending these revisions. The motion was made by Swayne with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### D. MBA 10-24-12: Establishment of a New MBA Course "Advanced Business Analytics

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Davis made the motion with a second from Birdsong. There being no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve as submitted. The motion was made by Swayne with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### E. MBA 3-14-13a: Establishment of a New Graduate Course MBAD 6276 Consumer Analytics

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Swayne made the motion with a second from Anderson. There being no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve as submitted. The motion was made by Davis with a second from Birdsong. The motion was approved unanimously.

##### F. MBA 3-14-13b: Establishment of a new MBA Concentration in Quantitative Methods for Business

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Davis made the motion with a second from Anderson. There being no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve as submitted. The motion was made by Davis with a second from Swayne. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. MBA 3-14-13c: Elimination of Sports Marketing and Management Concentration in the MBA Program

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Lipford made the motion with a second from Anderson. There being no further discussion, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve as submitted. The motion was made by Smith with a second from Lee. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. MSW 3-6-2013: Updates to the Master of Social Work

Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Davis made the motion with a second from Anderson. Chair McGregor commented that even though the proposal was submitted as a short form, it has components of both short and long form. The Chair also commented that the information submitted appears to be in order but would call for a motion for this to be approved but move forward on the Consent Calendar process. The motion was made by Davis with a second from Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Graduate Program Review Draft Reports

A discussion took place. Gray suggested that the committees replace the term "Recommendations" on the report to "Suggestions" and the Graduate School Dean can determine what rises to the level of a recommendation to the program.

Chair McGregor called for the reports by noon on April 16.

Dean Reynolds communicated that the Chemistry department review be deferred to next year.

VI. Other Business

- Davis suggested that for the Graduate Teaching Award, the award be divided between Master's and PhD.
- The question was raised about whether GASP covers a program tuition surcharge. The answer was that it does not; students have to cover tuition surcharges as well as fees as out-of-pocket expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette Parks

