

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: January 19, 2022

The January 19, 2022 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:19 p.m. via Zoom by Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Attendance:

- **Members:** Ann Wheeler, Annette Torres Elias, Derek Crews, Dundee Lackey, Gretchen Busl, Gretchen Hoffman, Helen Everts, Holly Hansen-Thomas, Jordan Fuchs, June Levitt, Kevin Becker, Laura Trujillo-Jenks, Lee Brown, Manal Omary, Margaret Young, Mindy Menn, Patricia Bowyer, Pushkala Raman, Philip Yang, Randa Keeley, Rita DelloStritto, Ruth Johnson, Sandhya Manjunath, Sandy Cesario, Sara Ishii, Sarah Gamblin, Sharla Snider, Shelley Hawkins, Stephanie Pierce, Suzanne Sellers, Wesley Tucker.

- **Guests:** Scott Martin, Shaunte Alvarez-Minor, Jackie Karlsson, Jenna Lee

MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for November 17, 2021 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Report from Dr. Holly Hansen-Thomas:

- Three Minute Theses (3MT) Winners:
 - 1st place was Vanessa Ellison with her thesis entitled, “A Study of Black Veganism and Food Culture.” Jessica Gullion is her major professor. Vanessa gets to travel with the Dean to the upcoming Council of Southern Graduate Schools conference in Raleigh, North Carolina and will receive a prize amount of \$750.
 - 2nd was Jennifer Dubose with her thesis entitled, “Fat, Cisgender, Male Protagonists in Award-Winning Young Adult Literature.” Dr. Gretchen Busl is her faculty advisor.
 - 3rd place was Ch’nell Amos with her thesis entitled, “The Sexualization of Blackness in China: Race, Counter-Images, and Hypervisibility.” Dr. Bender is her faculty advisor.
- National Award Winner: Master’s student Emily Ramser won the 2022 Master Thesis award in the category non-traditional thesis with her thesis entitled, “Ocean of text, the history of Blackout poetry.” Dr. Gretchen Busl is her faculty advisor.
- Schweitzer Fellowship competition: We participate in the DFW completion routed through the Southern Methodist University. Our contact person is the Program Director Courtney Ranger. We will be sending out information soon about this event. The winner receives a \$2,500 stipend, training, and mentorship.
- Rising Graduate Scholar: Diverse: Issues in Higher Education is seeking nominations for its Diverse Rising Graduate Scholars, an annual recognition of outstanding minority graduate students poised to make an impact on the academy. We are seeking nominations

for inclusion in a group of 10 outstanding minority graduate students whom we will feature in our March 17, 2022 Graduate Education edition.

- TWU Basketball Graduate Night-February 24th, 2022: Please attend and support our graduate students and team.
- TWU's Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium/ Federation symposium: Right now, these events are tentatively scheduled for April 26-27. These events will be held virtually and might overlap so the dates might change. More information will be provided.
- The Federation Symposium is slated to occur the same month as TWU's Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium. Additional information will be sent out at a later time. ● Graduate Student Council will be offering a professional development activity that will be held online via Zoom collaboratively with UNT in early February. It is strategic career planning on how to successfully transition to a non-academic career.
- For information only, minor changes in some graduate programs:
 - Nursing:** Preparing for national standards that are soon to change the following minor changes were approved.
 - Post master's certificate for nurse practitioners: They have increased the student credit hours from 24 to 27, clinical hours from 583 to 780 to be consistent with the national task force standards for quality nurse practitioner education, and they developed a more robust curriculum to prepare students for success in passing their boards the first time.
 - Master of Science in the nurse practitioner program: They will decrease credit hours from 46 to 45 and will increase clinical hours from 585 to 780 to be consistent with the national task force standards for quality nurse practitioner education, as well as developed more robust curriculum to prepare students for success in passing their boards the first time.

Dance:

- Will make their own 3 credit course for project completion for the MA dance Education (not MFA).
- They plan to remove one dance studio credit, where currently 7 are required. This will allow their low residency students to complete their dance studio credits.
- They will reduce elective credits from 11 to 9. Just for advertising reasons, they will add a concentration to the education website and not the catalog to make it more visible.

Literacy and Learning:

- Graduate Certificate of Biliteracy: Officially changing the requirements for the Graduate Certificate of Biliteracy. Currently, there are 4 courses students must take, but since we will now offer more options with the new MA in Multilingual and Multicultural Studies, we would like to provide students more options for the Certificate of Biliteracy.

Currently, students must take:

READ 5423 Literacy Practice to Theory

READ 5443 Literacy Assessment and Instruction
READ 5503 PHONO/ORTHO SYSTEMS IN LITERACY
READ 5453 Processes & Strategies for Comprehending Texts

Will change it to:

Four graduate courses which are part of the M.A. in Multilingual and Multicultural Studies are required for the Certificate. Students may choose from the following:

READ 6923: Biliteracy and Multilingualism
READ 5423 Literacy Practice to Theory (Biliteracy Section)
READ 5443 Literacy Assessment and Instruction (Biliteracy Section)
READ 5453 Processes & Strategies for Comprehending Texts (Biliteracy Section)
READ 5513 Literacy and the Diverse Learner (Biliteracy Section)
EDBE 5413: Teaching Reading and the Other Language Arts to Linguistically Diverse Learners

After taking the four courses, students submit a portfolio for the Certificate. That requirement will not change.

- SCGS nomination opportunities for students and faculty
- Membership Committee: Becky Keele will be stepping down and the position will need to be filled if anyone is willing to volunteer.

Report from Dr. Ruth Johnson:

- OnBase and Colleague training opportunities will be available soon. Additional information will be sent.
- Target X update: The project is coming along.
- Theses and Dissertations submissions: If there is an issue with the submission, all feedback will be going directly back to the Committee Chair.
- Staff Openings with the Graduate School: We have two part time positions available if you know of anyone.
- Q&A sessions: We will be resuming our Q&A sessions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month covering different topics. Suggestions are welcome.

Guest Speakers:

- Scott Martin, New CIM Refresh System

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2020-21 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Executive Committee – Dr. Gretchen Busl

- No Report.

Research Committee – Dr. Patricia Bowyer

- TWU's Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium's committee will be meeting in the spring.
- Working with Diana Elrod about Conference of Southern Graduate Schools sponsors Master's thesis awards that will occur around the 3MT.

Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Ann Wheeler

- No Report. Reviewing policies.

Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks

- No Report. Continuously reviewing degree proposals.

Membership Committee – Co- Chairs Dr. Kevin Becker / Jordan Fuchs

● **Dr. Becker's report:**

Ad-hoc committee continues to review the current Graduate faculty criteria. A proposal is anticipated for next month's Graduate Council meeting.

● **Jordan Fuchs report:**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Academic Standards/ Dr. Ann Wheeler – Approval to amend the Proposed Graduate Assistant Classification Levels (Voted on and Approved)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Academic Programs Committee - Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks
 - a) Chemistry & Biochemistry: Approval to Revise the Accelerated Master's Degree
 - Voted on and Approved
 - b) Special Education: Approval to Revise the Accelerated Master's Degree (4 +1 degree, 5 year Masters, etc.)
 - Voted on and Approved
 - c) PSM Biotechnology: Approval to Revise the Accelerated BS Biology
 - Voted on and Approved
- 2.) Election of Membership Committee – Jordan Fuchs
 1. Approval of the Membership Committee's 11 faculty recommendations;
 - 5 Full/ 6 Associate applications were voted on and approved

Name
M. Giovanni Valderas
Christine Adame
Marilyn Massey-Stokes
Azucena Verdín
Adam Jones
Kathryn Cantrell
Kyle Biggerstaff

Component Recommendation

Visual Arts Full Visual Arts Associate

Kinesiology - Health Studies Full

Child Development Associate
Counseling
Marriage and Family Full
Therapy
Human Dev., Family Associate
Studies and

Kinesiology Full

David Rylander Marketing Full
Joshua Gold Health Promotion and Associate
Kinesiology

Junalyn Navarra-Madsen Mathematics Full

3.) Academic Standards/ Dr. Ann Wheeler – Approval to amend Doctoral Committee composition (discussion only)

ADJOURNMENT: 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council is scheduled for February 16, 2022 via Zoom. The subsequent meetings are found on the Graduate Council website as follows:

- March 09, 2022 (*date changed due to Spring Break)
- April 20, 2022

Members and guests may receive the Zoom link to meetings from Ms. Danita Cantu at DCantu5@twu.edu.