

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: February 16, 2022

The February 16, 2022 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:17 p.m. via Zoom by Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Attendance:

- **Members:** Ann Wheeler, Peggy Lisenbee for 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, Margaret Young, Mindy Menn, Mindy Patterson, Erika Armstrong for Noralyn Pickens, Patricia Bowyer, Pushkala Raman, Philip Yang, Randa Keeley, Rita DelloStritto, Ruth Johnson, , Ann Malecha for Sandy Cesario, Sara Ishii for Gray Scott, Sarah Gamblin, Amy Burke for Sharla Snider, Suzanne Sellers, Wesley Tucker.
- **Guests:** Jackie Karlsson, Rikki Willingham, Sara Ishii for Gray Scott, Sully Saucedo

MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for January 19, 2022 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Report from Dr. Holly Hansen-Thomas:

Dr. Hansen-Thomas made the following announcements and updates:

- Enrollment numbers
 - From the beginning of February last year to now, we are down in new students- 21% in accepted students and down 31% in pre-registered students overall.
 - MA is down 30% in accepted and pre-registered students.
 - Doctoral programs are up 97% in accepted and down 50% in pre-registered students.
 - Programs that have had drops include Nutrition, Library, MBA, and Nursing.
- Recruitment fund - new Google form here: <https://forms.gle/9XjdygstFGCjyvAZ8>
- Jodi Woodside's job position is still available and it is a half time, Manager role.
- Thanks to all- Executive committee and subcommittees of the Graduate Council.
- The Graduate Program Showcase is February 19, 2022- Shaunte Alvarez-Minor
- 3MT Winner:
 - 1st Place, Vanessa Ellison; \$750 and an opportunity to compete at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, February 17–19th, 2022 in Raleigh, North Carolina.
 - A Study of Black Veganism and Food Culture
 - College of Arts & Sciences Advisor/Major Professor: Dr. Jessica Gullion
- Emily Ramser was the CSGS Winner for 2022 CSGS Master's Thesis Award in the category Non-traditional Thesis for her thesis, "This Ocean of Text: The History of Blackout Poetry." <http://www.csgs.org/awards/master-thesis-award/>
 - She was Dr. Busl's student.

- **Schweitzer:**
- Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium is now scheduled to be held on the Denton campus and virtually **Tuesday, April 26, and Wednesday, April 27, 2022**. All undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to participate by submitting an abstract/artist statement for a poster, platform, or virtual presentation. Federation students from other universities will also be invited to present.
- Federation Symposium will be held in the same month, planning for virtual for April 22.
 - Timeline for registration and judging will be open Monday, March 21.
 - Registration Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2022 (with abstract)
Submission Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2022 (poster, video, and transcript)
 - Presentations open to judges: Friday, April 15, 2022
 - Score sheets due from judges by: Tuesday, April 19, 2022
 - Symposium (Winners featured on Google Symposium site): Friday, April 22

Report from Dr. Ruth Johnson:

- Target X update: The project is up and running towards getting set up. There is no launch date yet. I am working with IT to go over and confirm some things.
- CIM/ CAT: working with the Curriculum management system that we are implementing
- Leepfrog User Conference February 21-24, 2022
- New Hire in Graduate School: Heather Watson, Federation Representative and joint masters social work registrations
- Part-time formatter position; Interviews are in progress.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2020-21 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Executive Committee – Dr. Gretchen Busl

- Review of current members and future replacements for those who roll off.

Research Committee – Dr. Patricia Bowyer

- No Report.

Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Ann Wheeler

- No Report.

Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks

- No Report.

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

- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Amend the Doctoral Committee Composition - Academic Standards
 - Voted on and approved

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Academic Programs Committee - Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks
 - a) New proposal, Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching STEM in Deaf Education
 - Voted on and Approved

- 2.) Academic Standards Committee - Dr. Ann Wheeler
 - a) Amend the Graduate Council: Size, Organization, and Responsibilities policy
 - Discussion only, no vote

- 3.) Membership Committee – Jordan Fuchs
 - a) Approval of the Membership Committee’s 7 faculty recommendations;
 - 5 Full/ 2 Associate applications were voted on and approved

Name	Component	Recommendation
Adesola Akinleye	Dance	Full
Karen Dunlap	Teacher Education	Full
Michelle Ferrer	Health Promotion and Kinesiology	Associate
Dundee Lackey	English	Full
Kristine Morris	Nursing	Associate
Sushmita Sinha	Biology	Full
Jennifer Bogardus	Physical Therapy	Full

- b) Graduate Faculty Status policy
 - Discussion only, no vote

ADJOURNMENT: 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council is scheduled for March 9, 2022 via Zoom. The subsequent meetings are found on the Graduate Council website as follows:

- ~~March 16, 2022~~ (changed to March 9th 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.