

## **Minutes of the Graduate Council**

**Date of Meeting: March 25, 2020**

The March 25, 2020 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:20 p.m. via Google Meet by Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair of the Graduate Council.

### **Attendance:**

- **Members:** Erika Armstrong, Kevin Becker, Sneha Bharadwaj, Wayne Brewer, Lee Brown, Gretchen Busl, Pei-Fen Chang, Paula Clutter, Patricia Flint, Jordan Fuchs, Hui-Ting Goh, Barbara Gray, Laura Trujillo-Jenks, Ruth Johnson (ex-officio), Randa Keeley, Dundee Lackey, Hyuk-Jin Lee, Mindy Menn, Sandra Murdock, Joel Muro, David Nichols, Mindy Patterson, Pushkala Raman, Suzanne Sears, Sharla Snider, Becky Spencer, Daniel Stefanelli, Annette Torres Elias, Gwendolyn Weatherford, Ann Wheeler, Alisa Woods, Philip Yang, Margaret Young
- **Guests:** Bobby Lothringer, Kori Hawkins, Celia Lo, Pushkala Raman, Patricia Watson, Julie Herbstith, Sandy Cesario, Terry Senne, Sully Saucedo

### **MINUTES APPROVED:**

- The meeting minutes for February 19, 2020 were approved.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Report from Dr. Ruth Johnson:**

- Dr. Donna Scott Tilley will be assisting the Graduate School office while Dr. Claire Sahlin is away.
- GRE scores are no longer required, and applications can be processed without the scores.

#### **Report from Dr. Donna Scott Tilley:**

- No 99-hour notifications
- Recruitment with online setting
- Graduate Assistants (GA)
  - GA's can work on inquiries from prospective students.
- Graduate Catalog deadline
- Scholarships being worked on
- Application deadline extended
- Contact her or Dr. Johnson for additional information or for any questions

#### **Guest Speaker, Bobby Lothringer, University Registrar :**

- New Summer Term Structure powerpoint presentation ([Resources - Registrar](#))

**SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2019-20 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**Executive Committee – Dr. Gretchen Busl**

- No Report

**Research Committee – Dr. Sneha Bharadwaj**

- Chancellor’s Student Research Scholars: applications were reviewed and 14 students were selected.
- Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship: applications were reviewed and 3 students were selected.
- Please email Dr. Tilley with suggestions on how to honor the students.

**Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Ann Wheeler**

- No Report

**Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Laura Trujillo Jenks**

- No Report

**Membership Committee - Dr. Kevin Becker**

- Extended deadline for Graduate Faculty applications now due March 27th

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Membership Committee - Dr. Kevin Becker**

- Graduate Council Recommendations for Full and Associate Graduate Faculty Status were voted on and approved.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Wyona Freysteinson	Nursing	Full
Gretchen Hoffman	Library and Information Studies	Full

Judith McFarlane	Nursing	Full
Chad Smith	Communication Sciences and Oral Health	Full

**Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks**

- New and revised graduate program proposals were reviewed and approved by the Academic committee. The component leaders presented for each proposal. Graduate Council voted on and approved five and the sixth was tabled.
1. Sociology, presented by Dr. Celia Lo:  
Proposal to revise the PhD Sociology degree to reduce the number of credit hours from 91 to 72. Approved.
  2. Psychology and Philosophy, presented by Dr. Julie Herbstrith:  
Proposal to revise the PhD in School Psychology degree to increase the number of credit hours from 112 to 124. The increased hours will include additional practica and concentration in certain courses, per the student’s need. This proposal was approved with the understanding that students will have the *option* of taking the additional credit hours with approval of their advisor.
  3. College of Business, presented by Dr. Pushkala Raman:  
Proposal to revise the MBA by adding an emphasis in Marketing to the existing MBA program. This is not a new degree program, but it allows current MBA students an opportunity to acquire expertise in the field of marketing. Approved.
  4. Literacy and Learning, presented by Dr. Patricia Watson:  
Proposal to revise the Master’s in Early Childhood Education, specifically, the research section of the degree plan for the Professional Option. This revision would replace Statistics and Research Methods with Action Research and Observation and Assessment. Approved.
  5. Teacher Education, presented by Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks for former Teacher Education Chair, Dr. Diane Myers:  
Proposal to revise the proposed Ph.D. degree in Education, Leadership, and Organization to reduce the number of credit hours from 90 to 75. Approved.
  6. Nursing, presented by Dr. Becky Spencer and Dr. Sandy Cesario:  
Revise the DNP Bridge to PhD to reduce the number of credit hours from 47 to 42 and update courses in degree plan. Approved.

**Next Graduate Council meeting is April 15th, 2020.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 2:37 p.m.**