

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2020

The April 15, 2020 meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:16 p.m. via Google Meet by Dr. Gretchen Busl, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Attendance:

- **Members:** Ann Wheeler, Alisa Woods, Annette Elias, Barbara Gray, Becky Spencer, Daniel Stefanelli, David Nichols, Dundee Lackey, Erika Armstrong, Gretchen Busl, Hui-Ting Goh, Hyuk-Jin Lee, Joel Muro, Jordan Fuchs, Kevin Becker, Laura Trujillo-Jenks, Lee Brown, Lynda Murphy, Mindy Menn, Mindy Patterson, Pat Flint, Paula Clutter, Pen-Fen Cheng, Philip Yang, Pushkala Raman, Randa Keeley, Ruth Johnson (ex-officio), Sandy Murdock, Sharla Snider, Sneha Bharadwaj, Suzanne Sears, Claire Sahlin (ex-officio)
- **Guests:** Bobby Lothringer, Donna Scott-Tilley, Korie Hawkins, Terry Senne

MINUTES APPROVED:

- The meeting minutes for March 25, 2020 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Report from Dr. Claire Sahlin:

- Dr. Sahlin announced her return to the office following FMLA and thanked those who filled in for her during her absence.
- Dr. Sahlin discussed some academic changes due to Covid-19, including the following:
 - No GRE scores required for admission
 - No academic probation/suspension for academic performance in Spring 2020
 - Covid-19 emergency fund through Campus Alliance for Resource Education (CARE)
 - Virtual May graduation
 - Future discussion of a virtual orientation for new GTA's and new graduate students in Fall 2020
 - Graduate Student Council Pioneering Spirit Awards event will take place virtually on May 1 at 2 p.m.

Report from Dr. Ruth Johnson:

- The Graduate School staff are all working from home and available for any questions.
- Marketing & Communications and Michelle Reeves will be working on a website providing information about support services for graduate students.
- Lists of students are being sent to department Chairs/Directors/Assoc. Deans. These lists are of accepted students who are not enrolled and should be contacted by their programs.
- The scholarship deadline was on Sunday.
- The language of the School Psychology proposal resulted in the proposal being removed (not needed).

- The question of whether a meeting in the summer June or July would be needed was raised.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM 2019-20 STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Executive Committee – Dr. Gretchen Busl

- Dr. Busl reported on the work of the ad hoc committees.
- Dr. Busl thanked all the committees for all of their hard work.

Research Committee – Dr. Sneha Bharadwaj

- No report. Thank you to her committee members.

Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Ann Wheeler

- No report. Thank you to her committee members.

Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Laura Trujillo-Jenks

- No report. Thank you to her committee members.

Membership Committee - Dr. Kevin Becker

- No report. Thank you to his committee members.

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. There were 29 faculty members approved for Full and 4 faculty members approved for Associate. (See the list below.)
- Dr. Ann Wheeler and Dr. Kevin Becker discussed requirements for Graduate Faculty status. This discussion will continue in 2020-21.

Nominations and Elections

Nominations and elections for Graduate Council Chair and Vice Chair took place. Dr. Gretchen Busl was reelected as Chair, and Dr. Kevin Becker was elected Vice Chair, pending their selection/reelection by their respective colleges.

Meeting Dates

- A decision was made to tentatively schedule a Graduate Council meeting in the summer on July 15, 2020, if needed.
- New members of the Graduate Council will begin with the Fall 2020 semester.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:15 p.m.

**Graduate Council
Approved for Graduate Faculty Status
April 2020**

Name	Component	Recommendation
Nancy Anderson	Literacy and Learning	Full
Catherine Bailey	Nursing	Full
Phyllis Bridges	English	Full
Lee Brown	Management	Associate
Amy Burke	Literacy and Learning	Full
Rosemary Candelario	Dance	Full
Vivian Casper	English	Associate
Michelle Cho	Nursing	Associate
Susan Chrostowski	Nursing	Associate
Melinda Cowart	Teacher Education	Full
Joan Edwards	Nursing	Full
Brandi Falley	Mathematics and Computer Science	Full
Tina Fletcher	Occupational Therapy	Full
Jonathan Gratch	Mathematics and Computer Science	Full
Barbara Gray	Nursing	Full
Peggy Landrum	Nursing	Full
Fuqin Liu	Nursing	Full

Winifred Mallam	Mathematics and Computer Science	Full
Denise Maricle	Psychology and Philosophy	Full
Nathaniel Mills	Biology	Full
Katy Mitchell	Physical Therapy	Full
Mahesh Raisinghani	Business	Full
Pushkala Raman	Marketing	Full
Martin Rosario- Canales	Physical Therapy	Full
Mahmoud Sadri	Sociology	Full
Susan Sheriff	Nursing	Full
Sally Stabb	Psychology	Full
Mari Tietze	Nursing	Full
Laura Trujillo-Jenks	Educational Leadership	Full
Shih-Chiao Tseng	Physical Therapy	Full
Cynthia Warren	Nutrition and Food Sciences	Full
Ann Wheeler	Mathematics and Computer Science	Full
Philip Yang	Sociology	Full