

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2020

Graduate Council members in attendance: virtual Teams meeting –Nicholas Benson, Maria Boccia, Erica Bruce, Debra Burlison, Timothy Burns, Gerald Cleaver, Sandi Cooper, Meghan DiLuzio, Sara Dolan, Kevin Dougherty, Jan Evans, Neil Fleming, Scott Gibson, Ian Gravagne, Steve Green, Monique Ingalls, Dave Jortner, Forest Kim, Ryan King, Dorothy Leidner, Joaquin Lugo, Timothy McKinney, Lacy McNamee, Renee Umstattd Meyer, James Nogalski, Dan Peppe, Van Pham, Alexander Pruss, Rob Rogers, Richard Russell, Mark Sepanski, Susan Sherman, Jaeho Shim, Doug Smith, Eunjee Song, Rishi Sriram, Joe Stubenrauch, Tony Talbert, Joseph Taube, Tim Thomasson, Michael Trakselis, Michael Walker, Matt Wood

Guests and substitutes in attendance: Diane Loeb, Will Driskell

Graduate School deans and staff in attendance: Larry Lyon, Beth Allison Barr, Steve Driese, Chris Rios, Anna Henderson, Sheila Dooley, Sandra Harman, Tosha Hendrickson, Alanna Martinez, Candice Prose, Alana Schaeper, Laura Sepanski.

Unable to attend: Francis Beckwith, Meg Cullar, Scott Cunningham, Jim Ellor, Skip Gill, Bill Hockaday, Julie Holcomb, Bob Kane, Timothy Kayworth, Stacy McCracken, Kimberly McCray, Marlene Neill, Suzanne Nesmith, Lidjia Novakovic, Linda Plank, Kevin Shuford, James Stamey.

Graduate School Dean, Larry Lyon, welcomed group. He noted that with the meeting format in Microsoft Teams, a streamlined agenda was prepared. Susan Sherman led the invocation.

The minutes from November 2019 were presented for review – no changes noted.

New degree proposal – Dr. Driese and STEM curriculum committee approved revised version of proposal for PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Diane Loeb presented the proposal and answered questions from Grad Council.

Dean Lyon noted this is a professional program to be launched online and supports R1 efforts. This program is a tangible example that stipends will not come from other programs; it's fully funded by various professional programs in Robbins College.

Sheila Dooley sent email of Qualtrics survey to Graduate Council for voting; results showed unanimous approval.

Policy Changes – Dr. Beth Allison Barr discussed Health Insurance for graduate students and a hard waiver. Opened to questions.

Questions:

Q. What is budget impact to the school?

A. No impact on your dept. budget

Q. How to enroll?

A. Completion of form is student initiated.

Questions – Policy Changes

Q. Who qualifies for insurance?

A. Full-time students enrolled in 3 credit-hours or more. July implementation for those who qualify in the Fall.

Announcements - Due to virtual meeting, agenda was truncated. In next few weeks, Graduate School will send emails and attachments of topics that were not covered during today's meeting. Based on GPD's responses to those emails, a subgroup may need to meet and discuss developments that would've been discussed today. The Graduate School will decide if more Teams meetings are needed going forward.

Questions/Comments/Observations:

Q. Should defenses and oral exams be conducted only via WebEx, given the recent privacy concerns with Zoom (which many faculty prefer)?

A. Each platform has advantages and disadvantages, and the Graduate School recommends using whatever software is more comfortable to the student and the committee.

Dismissal