UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina
The Graduate School

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 22nd, 2021

The Graduate Council met virtually on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Jim Mensch, Chair; Drs. Suzanne Adlof, Nate Bell, Matt Boylan, Subra Bulusu, Joanna Casey, Robin DiPietro, Shanna Harrington, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, Carmen Maye, Srihari Nelakuditi, Stephen Shapiro, Sheryl Wiskur, Nikki Wooten, and Sudipta Saha (GSA Representative).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Spencer Platt and Songhua Xu

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Tracey Weldon-Stewart, Dr. Toby Jenkins (Excused), Dr. Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dale Moore (Excused), Wright Culpepper, and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representative: Trena Houp

Guests: Dr. Michael Bizimis (SEOE), Dr. Matthew Brashears (Sociology), Dr. Bob Brookshire (IIT) Dr. Jean Ellis (Geography), Dr. Kevin LeBlanc (School of Medicine), Dr. Kristen Seay (Social Work), Libby Cross (Graduate School), and Maggie Carson (GSA)

NOTE: These minutes will become final on March 22, 2021 if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Jim Mensch, Chair)
   The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., and the agenda was unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2021**. Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at:
   http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp
   The minutes from January were unanimously approved.

3. **Report of the Chair** (Jim Mensch)
   Dr. Mensch welcomed all members and guests to the Graduate Council meeting.

4. **Report of the Interim Dean of Graduate School** (Tracey Weldon-Stewart)
   Dr. Weldon shared with the Council that there are at least two positions available within the Graduate School that will hopefully be filled by the end of this semester. These are both tied to some of the strategic initiatives that the Graduate School will be tasked with addressing. One will be in the area of data analysis and the other will support our efforts to increase minority recruitment efforts across the campus. The data analyst will be housed in the Provost Office but will also work part-time with

the Graduate School which will help us to have a bit more transparency with regards to our numbers. She will share more information as she knows it.

5. **Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council** (Murray Mitchell)
Dr. Mitchell identified for participants that the meeting is being recorded, and continued participation represents informed consent to be recorded for this meeting.

Members were reminded that it is not too soon for us to begin the search for nominees for Graduate Council. As you know, members serve overlapping 3-year terms to facilitate some continuity to the business of Graduate Education for the University. We try to ensure representation across colleges. For those of you cycling off of the Council, please consider nominating a colleague who is qualified, interested, willing and available the 4th Monday of each month (2nd Mondays in December and May), from 2:00 p.m. to about 4:00 p.m. (allowing time for travel—assuming that one day, we return to campus full time). We also have five standing committees for any who may wish for a slightly different level of involvement with graduate education. There are two curriculum committees; a grievances, appeals, and petitions committee; policy and procedures committee; and, a fellowships and scholarships committee. You are welcome to share contact information with him, and he is happy to reach out with more context to any who may be interested.

6. **Report of the Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Associate Director, Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program** (Toby Jenkins)
No report.

7. **Report on Professional Development** (Wright Culpepper)
Wright shared that the Professional headshot sessions scheduled for this Friday, February 26th, are at capacity.

The Graduate Career Consortium Virtual Career Expo is all day next Wednesday, March 3rd. We will be sending a reminder this week to students, Graduate Directors, Program Administrators, and CADO to promote the event.

The deadline for students to register as a presenter at Discover UofSC is next Friday, March 5th. Students may present in the poster or 3MT sessions. Training will be provided for both presentation styles in the coming weeks. Reminder emails have been and will continue to be sent.

We have added three new professional development opportunities since the January Graduate Council meeting. They are as follows:

- March 19th, 1:00pm: CV/Resume workshop via Blackboard Collaborate with the Career Center. Unlimited capacity. Register through Handshake.
- March 26th, 1:00pm: Public Speaking workshop via Zoom with Kirk Randazzo. Unlimited capacity. Students will need to RSVP through Wright Culpepper to get the secure Zoom login.
- April 9th, 3:00pm: Writing a Diversity Statement via Blackboard Collaborate with Center for Teaching Excellence. CTE is putting together a flyer with a registration link that we will send out to all audiences. Space will be very limited.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding ways to amplify graduate recruitment. Wright will put feelers out to see which programs may be interested in this endeavor and create an interest group to get this ball rolling. In addition, the topic of training for graduate students on how to use social media

for research and related topics might be very helpful. Graduate Council members can reach out to colleagues in their departments to see if there is an interest. The Graduate Council would be happy to support this effort if there is enough interest, and the Graduate Student Association (GSA) has also expressed interest in support of this initiative.

8. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Sudipta Saha)
Sudipta reported that the GSA Executives met with Dr. Weldon, Interim Dean of the Graduate School, on Feb 10th and had an exhaustive discussion on issues regarding the graduate experience at the UofSC. GSA looks forward to working with Dr. Weldon to continue to serve for the graduate students.

GSA's next virtual Townhall is scheduled for March 10th, 3-5pm. Graduate School Interim Dean Weldon will be present as a guest speaker between 3-4pm.

GSA communicated with the Department of Integrated Information Technology (IIT) about the continuation of student email after graduation. As it stands now, the email account will be available for up to 2 years after graduation. But some other schools have taken a smarter approach such as a) incoming email can be redirected to new email after the 'cushion' period, b) Emails can be accessible/retrievable even if it is not active.

GSA elections have tentatively been scheduled for next month, March 30th - 31st. He will confirm at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Sudipta followed up by confirming that many graduate students have responded to GSA that the social media platform presence is very beneficial to them. GSA strongly supports promoting any events/trainings via social media to capture a much wider audience.

9. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Nikki Wooten)
Dr. Wooten asked that the subcommittee members continue to work on the modification of the Academic Bulletin. They are currently modifying the draft of the table of contents and intend to move forward.

10. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses and Distributed Learning** (Murray Mitchell)

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

500/600 Courses for February 2021 Grad Council
(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal)

EDCE 570 (3) Seminar in Counseling (CCP: Fall 2022)
GEOL 511 (3) Advanced Paleontology (Cross-listed with MSCI 511) (CCP: Fall 2022)
GEOL 524 (3) Environmental Radioisotope Geochemistry (Cross-listed with MSCI 524) (CCP: Fall 2022)
GEOL 568 (3) Introduction to Micrometerology (Cross-listed with MSCI 568) (CCP: Fall 2022)
GEOL 582 (3) Marine Hydrodynamics (Cross-listed with MSCI 582) (CCP: Fall 2022)
LING 627 (3) Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics (Cross-listed with PHIL 522) (CCP: Fall 2022)
MGSC 520 (3) Forecasting and Time Series (Cross-listed with STAT 520) (CCP Fall 2022)
MGSC 525 (3) Statistical Quality Control (Cross-listed with STAT 525) (CCP Fall 2022)
MSCI 511 (3) Advanced Paleontology (Cross-listed with GEOL 511) (CCP: Fall 2022)

MSCI 524 (3) Environmental Radioisotope Geochemistry (Cross-listed with GEOL 524) (CCP: Fall 2022)
MSCI 568 (3) Introduction to Micrometerology (Cross-listed with GEOL 568) (CCP: Fall 2022)
MSCI 582 (3) Marine Hydrodynamics (Cross-listed with GEOL 582) (CCP: Fall 2022)
PHIL 522 (3) Introduction to Semantics (Cross-listed with LING 627) (CCP: Fall 2022)
PSYC 524 (3) Nature of Students with Mental Retardation (CCP: Fall 2022)
PSYC 525 (3) The Psychology of the Midlife Woman (Cross-listed with WGST 525) (CCP: Fall 2022)
STAT 520 (3) Forecasting and Time Series (Cross-listed with MGSC 520) (CCP: Fall 2022)
STAT 525 (3) Statistical Quality Control (Cross-listed with MGSC 525) (CCP Fall 2022)
WGST 525 (3) The Psychology of the Midlife Woman (Cross-listed with PSYC 525) (CCP: Fall 2022

Distributed Learning Proposals

EDCE 570 (3) Seminar in Counseling (CCP: Fall 2022)
EDSE 528 (3) Study of the Teaching of Business Education in the Secondary School (CCP: SU 2021)
JOUR 521 (3) Interactive Communication Strategies (CCP: SU 2021)
JOUR 539 (3) Ethics in Public Relations and Public Policy (CCP: SU 2021)
JOUR 542 (3) Public Opinion and Persuasion (CCP: SU 2021)
JOUR 574 (3) Data Journalism (CCP: Fall 2022)
MUSC 526 (3) Analytical Studies (CCP: SU 2021)
MUSC 542 (3) Music History for Educators (NCP: SU 2021)
PEDU 650 (3) The Art & Science of Coaching (CCP: SU 2021)
SPTE 590 (3) Special Topics in Live Entertainment and Sport (CCP: SU 2021)
WGST 554 (3) Women and Crime (CCP: SU 2021)

11. **Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations** (Murray Mitchell)

    Name: **Alison Moore** (PhD)
    Program: Educational Studies
    Term: Fall 2020 – Spring 2026

    Name: **Elizabeth Reyes** (PhD)
    Program: Special Education
    Term: Fall 2020 – Spring 2026

    These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Joanna Casey)
    Dr. Casey updated the Council of the following regarding Presidential Fellows and GJMPP applications:

    Presidential Fellows, Round 1 = 6 applications. They made 2 offers.
    Presidential Fellows, Round 2 = 30 applications. Due to the large number of applications received, two meetings were required and scheduled for the reviews on Wednesday, Feb 17th and Wednesday, February 24th (rankings and selections will be completed during this meeting).

GJMPP – 27 applications ranked and forwarded to a second committee for the selection process.

The deadline for the Trustee Recruiting Fellowships was Feb 19th. The Committee will submit their rankings on Tuesday.

The deadline for Presidential Fellows Round 3 is Friday, March 5th. These decisions will be made on Wednesday, March 17th.

13. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Hippokratis Kiaris)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site:

https://sc.edu/programproposal/agenda/?id=96&code=GCO

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- **ASNR Major / Degree Program**, Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Medicine, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
- **ASNR 702** (3) Foundations for DNAP Development, Medicine, NCP: Summer 2021
- **ASNR 752** (3) Health Systems for the Nurse Anesthetist, Medicine, NCP: Summer 2021
- **ASNR 754** (3) Health Care Informatics for the Nurse Anesthetist, Medicine, NCP: Summer 2021
- **ASNR 824** (3) Evidence-Based Decisions and Nurse Anesthesia, Medicine, NCP: Summer 2021
- **ASNR 898** (1-2) DNP Project II, Medicine, NCP: Fall 2022
- **ATEP Major / Degree Program**, Advanced Athletic Training Program, Public Health, Change Program: Fall 2021
- **ATEP Major / Degree Program**, MS in Athletic Training, Public Health, Change Program: Fall 2021
- **ATEP 711** (3) Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training I, Public Health, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **ATEP 712** (3) Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training II, Public Health, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **ATEP 713** (3) Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training III, Public Health, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **ATEP 714** (3) Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training IV, Public Health, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **ATEP 715** (6) Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training V, Public Health, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **ITEC Major / Degree Program,** Master of Health Information Technology (MHIT),

Engineering & Computing, Change Program: Fall 2022

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

14. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Robin DiPietro)

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- **ACCT Academic Certificate**, Graduate Certificate in Accounting and Audit Analytics, Business, New Program: Fall 2021
- **EDLP Major / Degree Program**, Education Administration, Ph.D., Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2022
- **EDRD 760** (3) Literacy Research and Inquiry, Education, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **EDRD 842** (3) Windows into the Reading Process, Education, New Course Proposal: Summer 2021
- **EDTE 835** (3) African and Diaspora Literacies for the Study of Teacher Education Pedagogy and Practice, Education, New Course Proposal: Summer 2021
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, English MA, with an Emphasis in English and American Literature, Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, Direct-Admission PhD in English with an Emphasis in English and American Literature, Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, Creative Writing M.F.A., Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, PhD in English with an Emphasis in English and American Literature, Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, Creative Writing M.F.A., Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, PhD in English with an Emphasis in Composition and Rhetoric, Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, English MA, with an Emphasis in English and American Literature, Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **ENGL Major / Degree Program**, Direct-Admission PhD in English with an Emphasis in English and American Literature, Arts and Sciences, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **JOUR 788** (3) Implementing Data and Digital Communications, Information and Communications, NCP: Summer 2021
- **PEDU Major / Degree Program**, Physical Education, Ph.D., Education, Change Program: Fall 2022
- **PEDU 743** (3) Psychopathology Among Athletes and Performers, Education, New Course

Proposal: Summer 2021

- **PEDU 745** (3) Principles and Applications for Long-Term Athletic Development, Education, NCP: Summer 2021
- **SLIS 788** (3) Implementing Data and Digital Communications, Information and Communications, NCP: Summer 2021
- **SPCH 793** (3) Medieval to Modern Rhetorical Theory, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2022
- **SPTE 889** (3) Qualitative Inquiry in Sport and Entertainment Management, HRSM, New Course Proposal: Summer 2021

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

15. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Carmen Maye)
    No report.

16. **Other Committee Reports**
    None at this time.

17. **Old Business**
    Dr. Mitchell continued his follow-up on academic regalia guidelines. We have been able to assemble more information for academic regalia options for doctoral students. Graduates may choose between a traditional cap or a tam (either with a gold tassel); gowns may be either traditional black or garnet (available through the Bookstore). Information about hoods should be available through your graduate program. The color of the hood is tied to your degree and is standard across the country. This information will be added to appropriate places on our website and will be shared with graduate directors.

18. **New Business**
    None at this time.

19. **Good of the Order**
    Dr. Mitchell issued another plea to Council members to chat with their colleagues about their possible interests in serving on Graduate Council or any of its various committees.

20. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 3:16p.m.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC: Bob Caslen, President
William Tate, Provost
Tracey Weldon, Interim Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School
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