MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
November 30, 2016

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, November, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Fikri Avci, Nicholas Berente, James Carson, Denise Lewis, Masaki Mori, Jeffrey Mullen, Rebecca Nesbit, Stephen Ramos, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, Aaron Thompson, William Whitman, Xiao zhong “John” Yu, and Dehai Zhao. Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, and Deanna Knight represented the Graduate School.

Members absent: Hamid Arabnia, Georgia Calhoun, Mary Caplan, William Fitt, Gary Green, Tai Guo, Tina Harris, Janette Hill, Michele Lease, Jennifer Lindstrom, Javad Mohammadpour, Kristen Navara, Amy M. Pollard, Patricia Reeves, Katherine Thompson, and Han-Rong Weng.

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the October 12, 2016, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee
Chair: Jennifer Lindstrom
The committee met on October 18 and November 29, 2016. At the October 18 meeting, committee members Jennifer Lindstrom, Masaki Mori, Amy Pollard, William Whitman, plus Graduate School personnel Dean Suzanne Barbour, Julie Coffield, and Kristin Lawrence, were present to discuss a degree proposal from the Department of Human Development and Family Science to offer a Master of Science degree in child life. The proposal was approved. The committee also approved a proposal from the Department of Economics to offer dual BBA/MA and AB/MA degrees in economics and to add a non-thesis option to the MA degree in economics. At the November 29 meeting, committee members Jennifer Lindstrom, Masaki Mori, Rebecca Nesbit, William Whitman, and Dehai Zhao, plus Graduate School personnel Julie Cofffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence, were present to discuss four degree proposals. The proposals were approved and will be submitted to the Council in January 2017.

Action Items:

1. A request from the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences to offer a new Master of Science degree in child life. The motion passed.

2. A request from the Department of Economics to offer a dual Bachelor of Business Administration in economics and Master of Arts (BBA/MA) in economics and a dual Bachelor of Arts in economics and a Master of Arts (AB/MA) in economics. The motion was tabled.
3. A request from the Department of Economics to add a non-thesis option to the Master of Arts in economics. The motion was tabled.

4. A request from the Department of Management of Information Systems to change the name of the Master of Internet Technology (MIT) degree to the Master of Business Technology (MBT) degree. The motion passed.

B. Administrative Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
The committee met on October 31 and November 4 to discuss and revise the language for the policies and procedures of Revocation/Removal of Graduate Faculty status for UGA professors. The revised proposals were approved.

Action Items:

1. Revisions to The Graduate Faculty By-Laws – Article II - Graduate Council (Section 8). The motion was tabled.

2. Revision to Policy and Procedures for Appointment and Reappointment to the Graduate Faculty, Section V, 3rd paragraph (delete sentence: Review of each Graduate Faculty member will occur every five (5) years after the most recent promotion or personnel action, and reviews shall continue at five-year intervals unless interrupted by a further review of promotion). The motion passed.

3. Revisions to Revocation of Graduate Faculty Status policy. The motion passed.

C. Admission and Retention Committee
Chair: Kaori Sakamoto
The committee met on November 9, 2016, to hear one dismissal appeal. Members present were Kaori Sakamoto, James Carson, Denise Lewis, Kristen Navara, and Janette Hill. Julie Coffield, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence from the Graduate School were present. The dismissal appeal was overturned.

D. Appointment and Reappointment Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
No report.

E. Curriculum Committee
Chair: Jeff Mullen
Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee approved 18 new courses, 8 deletions, and 48 course change applications.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business
Information Items
Dean Barbour talked to the council about the economic impact of graduate students on the State of Georgia and the dual degree policy.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.