The Graduate Council met via Zoom on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.

Members present: Michael Cacciatore, Houjian Cai, Swarn Chatterjee, Joon Choi, AnnaMarie Conner, Merrily Dunn, Melissa Fahmy, Tim Foutz, Cindy Hahamovitch, Georgia Harrison Hall, Victoria Hasko, John Hulland, Dan Johnson, Elizabeth Knight, Christof Meile, Kristen Navara, Kerry Oliver, Pamela Orpinas, Craig Osenberg, Daniel Perez, James Reap, Jennifer Samp, Shane Singh, Shavannor Smith, and Ming Zhang. Ron Walcott, Meredith Welch-Devine, Robert Scott, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Olivia Myers represented the Graduate School. Sierra Francois represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: John Campbell, Laura McAndrews, Leara Rhodes, and Elizabeth St. Pierre.

Interim Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Minutes of the March 19, 2020 Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
   No business to report.

B. Appeals Committee
   Cindy Hahamovitch, Committee Chair
   No business to report. Committee will reconvene again in fall 2020.

C. Program Committee
   James Reap, Committee Chair

   The Program Committee would like to bring the following action items to the Graduate Council for its approval.

   • Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a request to terminate the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Workforce Education at the University of Georgia’s Gwinnett Campus only. Approved
   • Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a request to terminate the Doctor of Education (EdD) in Workforce Education at the University of Georgia’s Gwinnett Campus only. Approved
   • Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a request to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Workforce Education at the University of Georgia’s Gwinnett Campus only. Approved
   • Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a request to terminate the Master in Education (Med) in Workforce Education at the University of Georgia’s Griffin Campus only. Approved
• *Action Item:* From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to offer an online Graduate Certificate in Organization Coaching. *Approved*

• *Action Item:* From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to offer a Graduate Certificate in Organization Coaching at the University of Georgia, Gwinnett Campus only. *Approved*

D. Policy and Planning Committee

Georgia Harrison Hall, Committee Chair

The Policy and Planning Committee would like to bring the following action items to the Graduate Council for its approval. *(See attached for approved items.)*

• *Action Item:* Transfer Credit Policy – Masters Programs *Approved*

• *Action Item:* Transfer Credit Policy – Doctoral Programs *Approved*

• *Action Item:* ESL Pathway Admissions *Approved*

**Old Business**

Information was requested at the 3/19/20 Graduate Council regarding the Graduate Student Emergency Fund. Since 11/17/19, the President has committed $225,000 to the Graduate Student Emergency Fund, which began with $50,000. Since November 17, there have been 116 requests: 51 regular, 65 related to COVID-19. Of those 116, 59 have been awarded (26 regular, 33 COVID-19 related), 36 are pending (13 regular, 23 COVID-19 related); 12 declined/withdrawn regular; 9 withdrawn COVID-19 related. Many of the COVID-19 declined are related to laptop purchases, which can’t be approved. We are looking at a loan program to assist those students.

Graduate School processes EF application same day. Financial Aid takes about 24 hours. Student Accounts takes a couple of business days. Since November 17, over $79,000 has been given out. The $275,000 is independent of contributions from private donors that have been donated.

**New Business**

None.

**Information Items**

A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 24 new courses, 35 course revisions, and 0 deletions.

B. “Thank you” to departing members: Houjian Cai, Cindy Hahamovitch, Victoria Hasko, John Hulland, Kristen Navara, Pamela Orpinas, Craig Osenberg, Daniel Perez, James Reap, Bob Scott

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

***Next meeting not until Fall Semester 2020: TBD***
**PPC Action Items**

**Item 1: Transfer Credits – Masters Degrees**

**Approved Policy:**

**Acceptance of Credit by Transfer:** If graduate credit earned at an accredited institution constitutes a logical part of the student’s program, transfer of credit may be allowed when recommended by the student’s major professor and graduate coordinator, and when approved by the dean of the Graduate School. Such transfer credit cannot exceed the following scale and must fall within the time limit of the degree:

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Transfer credit cannot be used to fulfill the requirement that 12 semester hours on the program of study be open only to graduate students. No grade below B may be transferred. The courses to be transferred may not have been used to fulfill the requirements at another institution. Transfer grades are not used in calculating cumulative averages. All requests for transfer credit, with accompanying official transcripts, must be in the Graduate School by the midpoint of the semester in which the student plans to graduate.

**Item 2: Transfer Credits – Doctoral**

**Approved Policy:**

If graduate credit earned at an accredited institution constitutes a logical part of the student’s program, transfer of credit may be allowed when recommended by the student’s major professor, advisory committee, graduate coordinator, and when approved by the dean of the Graduate School. Such transfer of credit cannot exceed nine (9) semester hours and must fall within the time limit of the degree. No grade below B may be transferred. The courses to be transferred may not have been used in a degree program at another institution. Transfer credit may not be used to satisfy the residency requirement. If the residency requirement has not been satisfied and the transfer course is taken during the Fall or Spring semester, a “break” in residency will occur unless the student is also registered at UGA. Transferred courses may not be included in the 16 hours of 8000- and 9000- level credit on the program of study. Transfer grades are not used in calculating cumulative averages. All requests for transfer credit, with accompanying official transcripts, must be in the Graduate School at least 30 days prior to the time the student plans to graduate. Courses taken prior to the student’s admission to their degree program at The University of Georgia are eligible for transfer.
Item 3: ESL Pathway Admissions (Statement of Support)

The Graduate Council supports the creation and implementation of the ESL Pathway Admissions for Graduate Programs in order to facilitate recruitment of highly qualified graduate school applicants lacking minimum language proficiency as demonstrated by TOEFL and IELTS scores.