

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
February 9, 2022

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Jill Anderson, Ford Ballantyne, Suchendra Bhandarkar, Sundar Bharadwaj, Merrily Dunn, Jennifer Elkins, Melissa Fahmy, Tim Foutz, Rachel Fusco, Andy Grundstein, Ruth Harman, Dan Johnson, Ed Kellough, Elizabeth Knight, Kyser Lough, Christof Meile, David Mustard, Luke Naeher, David Peterson, Kaori Sakamoto, Jacek Siry, Shavannor Smith, Catherine White, and Dayton Wilde. Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, Robert Scott, Robin Bingham, and Olivia Myers represented the Graduate School. Subhraleena Dekka represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: Swarn Chatterjee, Cari Goetcheus, Kristen Navara, Elizabeth St. Pierre, Seth Wenger, and Teena Wilhelm.

VP/Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Andy Grundstein was confirmed as a new Graduate Council member to complete the term of Jennifer Samp.

Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

- A. Administrative Committee
Ron Walcott, Ex Officio Member
No business to report.
- B. Appeals Committee
Shavannor Smith, Chair
Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on January 31, 2022. Committee members present were Shavannor Smith (chair), Tim Foutz, Andy Grundstein, Ruth Harman, Ed Kellough, Kyser Lough, Kristen Navara, and Jacek Siry. Cheri Bliss, Anne Shaffer, and Olivia Myers from the Graduate School were present. The committee heard two appeals. The first appeal was a Graduate School dismissal appeal. The committee voted to overturn the appeal and reinstate the student. The second appeal was a Graduate Program Faculty Revocation appeal. The committee voted to recommend revocation of Graduate Program Faculty Status.
- C. Program Committee
Dan Johnson, Interim Chair
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Program Committee has reviewed and approved three proposals via Microsoft Teams. 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 proposal to create an online Ed.S. in Learning, Design, and Technology emphasis in Instructional Technology.
Approved 23-0

- Action Item: From the School of Law, a proposal to create a new Graduate Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution in Athens, Buckhead, and online. *Approved 23-0-1*
- Action Item: From the College of Public Health, a proposal to create a new Graduate Certificate in Social Determinants of Health. *Approved 24-0*

D. Policy and Planning Committee

Kaori Sakamoto, Chair

The PPC has met once since the last Graduate Council meeting on January 31, 2022. The following action items are being brought forward for consideration.

- Action Item: Change to bylaws on Graduate Council representation. *Approved 24-0*
- Action Item: Change to bylaws on nomination and election procedures. *Approved 24-0*

New Business

- A. GradFIRST: First-year Research and Scholarship Training Seminar Series.
- B. Graduate Student Resolution.

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 89 new courses, 128 course revisions, and 6 deletions.
- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 3:30pm, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.