

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 6, 2022

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Jill Anderson, Ford Ballantyne, Suchendra Bhandarkar, Sundar Bharadwaj, Swarn Chatterjee, 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, Elizabeth St. Pierre, Catherine White, and Dayton Wilde. Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Robert Scott, Robin Bingham, and Olivia Myers represented the Graduate School.

Members absent: Cari Goetcheus, Kristen Navara, Shavannor Smith, Seth Wenger, and Teena Wilhelm.

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

Minutes of the March 16, 2022, 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

Kyser Lough, Interim Chair

Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on March 28, 2022. Members present at the meeting include Shavannor Smith (Chair), Tim Foutz, Andy Grundstein, Ed Kellough, Kyser Lough, Kristen Navara, and Jacek Siry. Anne Shaffer, Jennifer Smith, and Olivia Myers from the Graduate School were also present. The committee met to hear one appeal. The appeal was an admission decision appeal. The committee voted to deny the appeal.

C. Program Committee

Jill Anderson, Interim Chair

Since the last report to Graduate Council, the Program Committee reviewed the following seven proposals online.

- *Action Item:* From the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, a proposal to create a new online Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Financial Planning and Financial Therapy. *Approved 22-0*
- *Action Item:* From the College of Public Health, a proposal to create a new Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Health Services Research and Policy. *Approved 22-0-1*
- *Action Item:* From the Terry College of Business, a proposal to create an online version of the already existing Master of Business Administration program (M.B.A.). *Approved 22-0*

- *Action Item:* From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to terminate Ed.S. in Learning, Design, and Technology with an emphasis in Instructional Design and Development at the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 23-0*
- *Action Item:* From the Mary France Early College of Education, a proposal to terminate the M.Ed. in Learning, Design and Technology with an emphasis in Instructional Technology at the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 23-0*
- *Action Item:* From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to terminate the M.Ed. in Learning Design and Technology with an emphasis in Instructional Design and Development at the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 23-0*
- *Action Item:* From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to change the name of the Department of Career and Information Studies to the Department of Workforce Education and Instructional Technology. *Approved 23-0*

D. Policy and Planning Committee

Kaori Sakamoto, Chair

Since the last Graduate Council meeting, the Policy and Planning Committee met once on April 1, 2022. Members present included Kaori Sakamoto (Chair), Swarn Chatterjee, Melissa Fahmy, Liz Knight, Christof Meile, Luke Naehar, David Peterson, and Teena Wilhelm. Ron Walcott, Robert Scott, Cheri Bliss, and Robin Bingham were present from the Graduate School.

- *Action Item:* Graduate programs shall have a program handbook for students that is publicly available on the program website. *Approved 25-0*
- *Action Item:* Assistantship policy for graduate students on warning or probation. *Approved 24-0*
- *Action Item:* “No clear path to degree completion” policy. *Approved 22-1*

New Business

“Thank you” to those Graduate Council members cycling off: Swarn Chatterjee, Merrily Dunn, Melissa Fahmy, Tim Foutz, Andy Grundstein, Dan Johnson, Liz Knight, Christof Meile, Shavannor Smith, and Bettie St. Pierre.

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 16 new courses, 3 course revisions, and 0 deletions.
- B. Next meeting: TBD, August 2022

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.