

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 5, 2023

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Graduate Program Faculty members represented: Suchendra Bhandarkar, Sundar Bharadwaj, John Bray, Vivian Burrell, AnnaMarie Conner, Mark Eiteman, Ed Kellough, Kyser Lough, Jill Manners, David Mustard, Luke Naeher, Don Nelson Scott Nelson, Erik Ness, David Peterson, Seth Wenger, Catherine White, and Dayton Wilde. Absent: Jill Anderson, Jennifer Elkins, Cari Goetcheus, Ruth Harman, Kristen Navara, Kaori Sakamoto, Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Jacek Siry, and George Vellidis.

Graduate Student Association members represented: Absent: Sarah Burns, Kez Fitzgerald, and Mrigank Kothyari.

Graduate School represented by Ron Walcott, Robert Scott, Cheri Bliss, and Robin Bingham.

Dean Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Meeting was a hybrid of in person/Zoom.

Minutes of the February 8, 2023, 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

Ed Kellough, Chair

Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on February 27, 2023, for two dismissal appeal hearings. Committee members present were Ed Kellough (chair), John Bray, Kyser Lough, Don Nelson, Kaori Sakamoto (recused from 1st one), Catherine White, and Dayton Wilde. Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, and Sha-kim Craft from the Graduate School were present. The first appeal was a GPA dismissal decision. The Committee voted to approve the appeal and reinstate the student with an action plan from the department. The second appeal was a dismissal due to failure to pass the written portion of the comprehensive examination. The Committee voted to deny the appeal for reinstatement.

C. Program Committee

Ron Walcott, Acting Chair

The Program Committee brought forward five action items for consideration by the Graduate Council:

- Action Item: From the Mary Francis Early College of Education Department of Communication Sciences and Special Education, a proposal to add an Area of Emphasis in Behavior Analysis under the PhD in Special Education. *Approved 18-0*
- Action Item: From the Mary Francis Early College of Education Department of Language and Literacy, a proposal to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Diverse Children's Literature for a Global Society. *Approved 18-0*
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- Action Item: From the Mary Francis Early College of Education Department of Workforce Education and Instructional Technology, a proposal to terminate the PhD in Learning, Design and Technology (Gwinnett Campus). *Approved 18-0*
- Action Item: From the Mary Francis Early College of Education Department of Educational Psychology, a proposal to add an area of emphasis in Quantitative Methodology under the MED in Educational Psychology (online). *Approved 18-0*
- Action Item: From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Department of Classics, a proposal to terminate the MA Latin Non-Thesis degree. *Approved 18-0*

D. Policy and Planning Committee

David Peterson, Chair

The PPC Committee brought forward one action item for consideration by the Graduate Council:

- Action Item: Proposed policy on student involvement in graduate admissions. *Approved 18-0*

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Procedural Updates

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 134 new courses, 135 course revisions, and 1 deletion.
- B. Next meeting: Fall 2023.

Overall meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.