

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
August 23, 2023

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Members present: Sundar Bharadwaj, John Bray, Jim Conklin, AnnaMarie Conner, Kerstin Emerson, Abigail Grimes, Ruth Harman, Ed Kellough, Jill Manners, Jeff Mullen, Kristen Navara, Don Nelson, Scott Nelson, Erik Ness, Craig Osenberg, David Peterson, Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Jacek Siry, Alison Smith, Phil Stancil, and Bart Wojdyski. Graduate School: Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Sha-kim Craft.

Members absent: Vivian Burrell, Kelly Dyer, Mark Eitemann, Jennifer Elkins, Sheba Mohankumar, Cory Momany, and George Vellidis.

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

Minutes of the April 5, 2023, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Dr. Walcott began by having Council members introduce themselves, indicating their school/college, program, and new/returning member. He continued with an orientation to Graduate Council to clarify the role of members with clear expectations and how to execute those responsibilities. Members have the opportunity to deliberate, discuss, and even vote on changes to policy. Members also serve as conduits of information from the graduate education community to the Graduate School and back again. See accompanying PPT document.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
Ron Walcott, Ex Officio Member
No business to report.

B. Appeals Committee
Don Nelson, Chair

Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on August 15, 2023, for an expedited dismissal appeal hearing. Committee members present: Don Nelson (Chair), John Bray, Mark Eiteman, Jennifer Elkins, Kerstin Emerson, Ruth Harman, Ed Kellough, David Peterson, and Alison Smith. Anne Shaffer, Jamie Smith and Sha-kim Craft from the Graduate School were present. The expedited appeal was due to a low GPA, and the committee voted to approve the appeal and reinstate the student.

C. Program Committee
Kristen Navara, Chair
No business to report.

- D. Policy and Planning Committee
Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Chair
No business to report.

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: Since April 2023, the Graduate School has approved 33 new courses, 52 course revisions, and 1 deletion.
- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 3:30pm, 327 Brooks Hall.

Overall meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., and members went into breakout groups by committee.