

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
January 17, 2024

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Members present: Sundar Bharadwaj, AnnaMarie Conner, Kelly Dyer, Jennifer Elkins, Abigail Grimes, Ruth Harman, Jill Manners, Cory Momany, Scott Nelson, Erik Ness, Craig Osenberg, David Peterson, Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Jacek Siry, Alison Smith, Phil Stancil, and Bart Wojdowski. Graduate School: Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Sha-kim Craft.

Members absent: John Bray, Vivian Burrell, Jim Conklin, Mark Eitemann, Kerstin Emerson, Ed Kellough, Sheba Mohankumar, Jeff Mullen, Kristen Navara, Don Nelson, and George Vellidis.

VP/Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes of the November 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
David Peterson, Acting Chair

Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on January 5, 2024, for a low GPA dismissal appeal hearing. Committee members present were Don Nelson (Chair), John Bray, Mark Eiteman, Jennifer Elkins, Kerstin Emerson, Ruth Harmon, Ed Kellough, David Peterson, and Alison Smith. Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, and Sha-kim Craft were present from the Graduate School. The committee voted to approve the appeal and reinstate the student.

C. Program Committee
Jill Manners, Acting Chair

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

- Action Item 1: From the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, a proposal to change the name of the Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education (MAEE) to the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.
Approved 16-0-0
- Action Item 2: From the School of Public and International Affairs, Department of Political Science and International Affairs, a proposal to discontinue the “fast track” option in the joint PhD program in Political Science & International Affairs (PHD-PSIA).
Approved 16-0-0

- Action Item 3: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, a proposal to terminate the PhD in Learning, Leadership, and Organization Development at the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 16-0-0*
- Action Item 4: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, Department of Educational Psychology, a proposal to modify the Gifted and Creative Education Area of Emphasis in the Master of Education (MEd), Master of Art (MA), Educational Specialist (EdS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs. *Approved 16-0-0*
- Action Item 5: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education and College of Family and Consumer Sciences (item “h”), a proposal to create graduate certificates in the following GaPSC Endorsement programs: *Approved 17-0-0*
 - a. Coaching (Mathematics)
 - b. Educational Leadership (Tier I)
 - c. English to Speakers of Other Languages
 - d. Gifted In-Field
 - e. K-5 Mathematics
 - f. Preschool Special Education
 - g. Reading Education
 - h. Financial Literacy

D. Policy and Planning Committee
Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Chair

The PPC Committee met on Wednesday, 1/10/2024. By unanimous vote (9-0), the following action items are being brought forward.

- Action Item 1: Proposed policy on the use of generative AI in theses and dissertations. *Approved 17-0-0*
- Action Item 2: Discontinuation of Extension and Correspondence policy. *Approved 17-0-0*
- Action Item 3: Proposed change in policy on awarding doctoral degrees to University faculty. *[Tabled to gather further information.]*
- Action Item 4: Proposed change in language (section ii) of the policy for Graduate Certificates for Non-Degree Seeking students. *Approved 15-0-1*

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 42 new courses, 38 course revisions, and 3 deletions.
- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 3:30pm, 327 Brooks Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.