

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL**

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Members present: Melinda Brindley, Jim Conklin, AnnaMarie Conner, Luis Correa-Diaz, Kerstin Emerson, Jaivime Evaristo, Rebecca Matthew, Priya Narayanan, Craig Osenberg, Laura Rider, Geoffrey Sheagley, Amy Stich, Kathy Thompson, George Vellidis, and Bart Wojdynski. Graduate Student Association: Oliver Levine and Will Walker. Graduate School: Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Robin Bingham, and Stephanie Hall.

Members absent: Mary Ager, John Bray, Ted Christensen, Kelly Dyer, Janette Hill, Alexa Lamm, Sheba Mohankumar, Jeff Mullen, Don Nelson, Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Alison Smith, Kenan Song; GSA: Uyi Ugiagbe; Graduate School: Cheri Bliss.

VP/Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes from November 13, 2024, were approved.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

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

B. Appeals Committee
AnnaMarie Conner, Chair

Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee has met twice. On January 8, 2025, the Appeals Committee heard two Graduate School dismissals due to low GPA. Committee Members present were: AnnaMarie Conner (Chair), Jeff Mullen, Craig Osenberg, Amy Stich, Oliver Levine, Mary Ager, Laura Rider, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss and Stephanie Hall from the Graduate School were present. The committee voted to approve the appeals for reinstatement.

On January 13, 2024, the Appeals Committee heard a grade appeal. Committee Members present were: AnnaMarie Conner (Chair), Jeff Mullen, Craig Osenberg, Amy Stich, Oliver Levine, Mary Ager, Laura Rider, Luis Correa-Diaz, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss and Stephanie Hall from the Graduate School were present. The committee voted to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Department of Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing.

C. Program Committee
George Vellidis, Chair

Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Program Committee has reviewed and approved four proposals via Microsoft Teams. The Program Committee would like to bring the following action items to the Graduate Council for its approval.

Action Item 1: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to offer the existing MAT in Elementary Education as an online program. *Approved 16-0-0*

Action Item 2: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to offer an Area of Emphasis in Online Teaching Endorsement under the graduate certificate in Online Teaching and Learning. *Approved 16-0-0*

Action Item 3: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to offer the existing MAT in Middle Grades Education as an online program. *Approved 15-0-1*

Action Item 4: From the College of Veterinary Medicine, a proposal to terminate Areas of Emphasis in Biological and Life Sciences Laboratory Management, Zoological Medicine, and Biomedical Sciences under the Comparative Biomedical Sciences MS-NT. *Approved 16-0-0*

- D. Policy and Planning Committee
Kelly Dyer, Chair
No business to report.

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: Since our last meeting, the Graduate School has approved 66 new courses, 34 course revisions, and 14 deletions.
- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 3:30pm, 327 Brooks Hall

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.