



## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 28th, 2022

The Graduate Council met virtually on Monday, February 28th, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Nikki Wooten, Chair; Drs. Demetrius Abshire, Matt Boylan, Subra Bulusu, Jean Ellis, Shana Harrington, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, Jim Mensch, Srihari Nelakuditi, Stephen Shapiro, Sheryl Wiskur, Songhua Xu, Christina Yao, and Maggie Carson (GSA)

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Marketa Kubickova, William Matchin, David Reisman, and Neal Woods

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Tracey Weldon (Excused), Dr. Toby Jenkins (Excused), Dr. Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dr. Angelina Sylvain, Dale Moore, Wright Culpepper (Excused), Libby Cross, and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representative: Trena Houp

Guests: Dr. Mary Anne Fitzpatrick (Journalism and Mass Communication), Dr. Sheryl Mitchell (Nursing), Dr. Susan Steck (EPI/BIOS), and Dr. Matthew Wilson (Political Science)

**NOTE: These minutes will become final on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, if not challenged.**

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Nikki Wooten, Chair)  
The meeting was called to order at 2:01p.m. and the agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of the [Minutes from January 24, 2022](http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp).** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp> .  
The minutes from January were unanimously approved.
- 3. Report of the Chair** (Nikki Wooten)  
Dr. Wooten thanked Dr. Shapiro, Vice Chair, for standing in for her for the January meeting.
- 4. Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School** (Murray Mitchell for Tracey Weldon)  
Dr. Mitchell announced that the Grand Opening for the Graduate Student Resources Hub will be held this Wednesday, March 2nd. The Grad Hub is a collaboration between the Graduate School, National Fellowships and University Career Center. Located on the second floor of Close-Hipp, the space is designed to provide graduate students with greater access to key campus resources. Faculty, staff and students are invited to stop by Close-Hipp 204 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to tour the space, meet the

staff and learn about the variety of resources available. Light refreshments will be provided.

**5. Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council (Murray Mitchell)**

Dr. Mitchell reported that it is not too soon to be thinking about nominations of your colleagues for positions on the Graduate Council for next academic year, and for committees that consider the business of Graduate Education at this university. Most helpful would be to nominate for the Graduate Council, colleagues who can be available on the fourth Mondays of the month from August through May from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, with the exceptions of December and May when meetings fall on the second Mondays, same time.

Representatives on the curriculum committees are also significant participants who do not need to be members of the Graduate Council to contribute to this important task. Nominees who will actually participate would be most appreciated. On these committees, the work can be demanding. So, please only nominate those who are committed to actually participate. If you will email contact information to him, he's happy to provide additional details to any nominee.

He also wanted to share that he attended the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools meetings last week and will briefly share a couple of highlights. First, the topic of declining trends of high school graduation rates was addressed. While South Carolina is doing better than many of our surrounding states, this is not a secret and recruiters are very interested in our students. Lest the obvious be missed, this pathway of high school graduates feeds our undergraduate population, which in turn, describes our eligible population of possible graduate students.

Take-away messages are that there are new roles to be played by faculty in recruiting, retaining, and supporting students to timely graduation—roles that few faculty were ever trained to perform. In support of this role, Wright Culpepper can provide support for the use of PROSPECT and ADMIT to full advantage. For example, creating supplemental questions on applications to identify research interests to match faculty expertise and to receive notification when applications have been submitted. Kesha Clavon is another valuable point of contact, available for support with respect to diversity recruiting.

Another desirable set of data that can be helpful as we refine our recruiting, retention, and graduation rates is available through the Survey of Earned Doctorates where we can begin to get a better idea of:

- Time to degree
- Debt load/costs associated with degree completion
- Destination and salary following graduation
- Satisfaction with their graduate education at the UofSC
- Demographics of who we are serving and who is not represented
- Where are we getting our graduate students

As mentioned, we are not the only ones able to see this information about prospective graduate students. Recruiters from other states are also interested. But, these are not the only groups who see these data. Chambers of Commerce, leaders of industry and governmental agencies are also interested in the population who will represent the work force of the future—these may be helpful collaborators in the pursuit of top performing graduate students.

**6. Report of the Interim Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Associate Director, Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program** (Murray Mitchell for Toby Jenkins)

Dr. Jenkins advised that she is consistently sending out her notifications via email when there are things to be updated for DEI. You may write to her directly if you have any questions about opportunities or announcements that she is sharing.

**7. Report on Professional Development** (Murray Mitchell for Wright Culpepper)

Dr. Mitchell made the following announcements for Wright:

- Graduate Student Resources Hub grand opening on Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please drop-in at your convenience to see the space and meet the graduate advisors from the University Career Center and the National Fellowships office.
- Deadline to register to present at Discover UofSC is this Friday (3.4.22). Please encourage graduate students in your programs to present. Reviewers have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to register. We will need faculty and postdocs to serve as reviewers for poster and 3MT presentations. There will also be a significant number of reviewers needed for undergraduate presentations. Please consider registering as a reviewer for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> event.
- University Libraries will host several Tableau Data Visualization workshops next week. Registration is required and students can find registration links on the Graduate School website.

**8. Report of the Graduate Student Association** (Maggie Carson)

Maggie shared a few updates on GSA's March and April events. They have their elections for the Executive Board coming up for all graduate students on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. An application will be opening shortly. If you have any graduate students in your areas that are interested in getting involved and working with the administration or sitting and talking to the Graduate Council, please encourage them to do so. The offices of President, Vice President, Graduate Council Representative, and Treasurer are available for election. The election information will be going out on the Listserv soon.

GSA will have their monthly Women's Luncheon (mentorship luncheon) coming up on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom B. If you have any questions or would like to be a mentor, please let her know.

GSA will have a table on Green Street or near the Russell House for Fresh Check Day, which is a mental health initiative that the University does. Please have your students come out and learn more about mental health and ways to help.

On March 31, they will have a Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will have representatives from the Graduate School. It will be in- person and virtual if students are interested.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the GSA has a luncheon scheduled with Ms. Patricia Moore-Pastides at the President's House, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will talk about one of her books. A limited number of students can attend. There are currently 20 slots still available. Lunch will be provided, and it should be a nice time. Please see link for RSVP:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=GUsqSzXRdKkLsrHNI4mYzAVzpiBa1sxMt0-gCHR2RWWUNVBIVORMVUtCNzZWRUkxSDZDQVNVNQU1RSSQIQCN0PWcu>

GSA Awards are going on. Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to be nominated. They have nine categories such as leadership, DEI, Overall Masters and Doctoral students, etc. This would be a great thing to add to their CV. They have about 100 nominations. Awards will be announced on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Russell House, and they will have leadership representation there.

There is much concern about the war between Russia and Ukraine. The graduate students are feeling extra stress with everything that is going on and are worried about their fellow students from Russia and Ukraine. It would be reassuring to have a message or a statement of support from the Graduate School to offer mental health resources to affected students who desire assistance.

**9. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Stephen Shapiro)**  
No report.

**10. Report of the 500/600 Level Courses (Murray Mitchell)**

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

**500/600 Courses for February 2022 Grad Council**

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal)

**EDML 598** (3) Internship A in the Middle School (CCP: Fall 2023)

**EDML 599** (3) Internship B in the Middle School (CCP: Fall 2023)

**HRTM 595** (3) Hospitality and Tourism Management Field Study (NCP: Summer 2022)

**ITAL 500** (3) Machiavelli and Renaissance Florence (NCP: Summer 2022)

**ITAL 502** (3) Cercasi Umoro: Understanding Italy (NCP: Summer 2022).

**ITAL 504** (3) The Italian Novella (NCP: Summer 2022)

**11. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations (Murray Mitchell)**

Name: **Carmen Maye** (PhD)  
Program: School of Journalism and Mass Communications  
Term: Fall 2021 – Fall 2027

Name: **Rebecca Morton** (PhD)  
Program: College of Education (ITE)  
Term: Fall 2021 – Summer 2027

Name: **Colette Townsend-Chambers** (DNP)  
Program: College of Nursing  
Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

Name: **Kate Bernheisel** (DNP)  
Program: College of Nursing  
Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

Name: **Kayla Everhart** (PhD)  
Program: College of Nursing  
Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

Name: **Laurie Gregor** (DNP)  
Program: College of Nursing

Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

Name: **Nakita Barnes** (DNP)

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

Name: **Rachel Bush** (DNP)

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

Name: **Sevilla Bronson** (PhD)

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Spring 2022 – Spring 2028

***These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.***

## **12. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Jean Ellis)

Dr. Ellis announced that on February 11<sup>th</sup> the Fellowship and Scholarships Committee reviewed 24 applications for Round 1 of the Presidential Fellows (PF). As of Monday, at 1:30 p.m. 8 offers were made: (1 accepted; 0 rejected, 7 pending)

Trustee Fellowship applications for incoming students were due last Friday (2/25).

Round 2 of Presidential Fellows are due to Wright Culpepper on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and they will meet on March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss (a little delayed because of spring break).

They are announcing that they have modified the current student awards starting this year for April 2022. She thought the student awards should better represent the overall work of the students. This change did not come at a cost to the Graduate School.

They have added an outstanding service and research award. The research award is for doctoral students only. The service award is for any graduate student. They still have an outstanding TA / instructor of record award and the Dean's Leadership Award. Please note that these awards are not the Trustee awards (e.g., the Rhude Patterson). They are not allowed to change the scope of Trustee awards.

## **13. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Hippokratis Kiaris)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site:

<https://sc.edu/programproposal/agenda/?id=113&code=GCO>

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- **BIOS 746** (1) Introduction to Complex Survey Data Analysis, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2023
- **HPEB 772** (3) Current Trends in Developing World Health, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2023

*These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council*

**14. Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Jim Mensch)

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- **CRJU 704**, Organization and Management in Criminal Justice, Arts and Sciences, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2023
- **CRJU 711** (3) Police Practices and Problems, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2023
- **CRJU 712**, Police Administration and Management, Arts and Sciences, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2023
- **CRJU 721** (3) Criminal Courts, Arts and Sciences, NCP: Summer 2022
- **CRJU 732**, Correctional Policy, Arts and Sciences, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2023
- **CRJU 751** (3) Juvenile Justice, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2023
- **CRJU 752**, Prevention and Treatment of Delinquency, Arts and Sciences, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2023
- **CRJU 772** (3) Race, Crime, and Justice, Arts and Sciences, NCP: Summer 2022
- **CRJU 781** (3) Violence and Victims, Arts and Sciences, NCP: Summer 2022
- **CRJU 801** (3) Professional Development in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arts and Sciences, NCP: Summer 2022
- **EDLP 735** (3) Introduction to Economics of Education, Education, NCP: Summer 2022

*These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.*

**15. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Shana Harrington)  
No report.

**16. Other Committee Reports**  
None.

**17. Old Business**  
None.

**18. New Business**  
None.

**19. Good of the Order**

Dr. Wooten wished everyone a happy and prosperous Spring Break.

Dr. Mitchell reminded the Graduate Council about nominations for the Graduate Council or for the Committees. Please contact him with nominations.

In addition, programs, graduate directors, and departments can set up inquiry forms via PROSPECT. It is part of our admissions package where they can set up forms for faculty to identify their research interests. It is also a place where departments can broadcast what they have to offer in their programs. It is also a place where supplemental questions can be set up to identify applicants' requests for faculty mentors and research interests and it can drive some of the ADMIT communication notifications to specific faculty once an application has been submitted. Wright Culpepper is a good contact person for offering additional information and offering tutorials.

## **20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39p.m.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC: Harris Pastides, Interim President  
Stephen Cutler, Interim Provost  
Tracey Weldon, Interim Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School  
Deans  
Department Chairs  
Graduate Directors  
Aaron Marterer, University Registrar  
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar  
Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar  
Tara Wright, Office of the Registrar