



The Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Graduate Council Minutes April 25, 2016

The Graduate Council met on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Julia Lopez-Robertson, Chair; Drs. David Tedeschi, Bobby Brame, Jr., Matt Brown, Jennifer Arns, Dirk den Ouden, Swann Adams, Caryn Outten, Nancy Brown, and Scott White

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Kay Edwards, Christian Jensen, Lorne Hofseth, Drucilla Barker, Jerry Hilbish, Heather Brandt, and Susan Yeargin

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Jessica Elfenbein, Wanda Barr and Wright Culpepper

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

Guests: Dr. Cynthia Davis and Laura Thorp

NOTE: These minutes will become final on May 23, 2016 if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Julia Lopez-Robertson, Chair)

Dr. Lopez-Robertson called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and received Council approval of the agenda.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of [March 28, 2016](#).** The minutes were reviewed electronically, with one amendment: Dr. Brandt had added a comment to the "Good of the Order." Her statement was highlighted and minutes as amended were approved by the Council. Minutes are on file at The Graduate School website at: <http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp> .

3. **Report of the Chair** (Julia Lopez-Robertson)

Dr. Lopez-Robertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed them to the last day of the semester.

4. Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies (Lacy Ford)

Dr. Jessica Elfenbein advised that the Council members would receive a copy of the report of the external deans. Dr. Ford has made plans to attend next month's final Graduate Council meeting of the academic year and the report of the external deans will be an agenda item to discuss. She thanked Wright Culpepper and Council members who played a part in Graduate Student Day. It was a huge success for our graduate students. There were 172 students and 39 judges that participated. The Council was reminded that the format next year will be different as we will be working with the vice president for research, his staff and the Discovery Day people.

The Graduate School is in process of interviewing for the half-time associate dean for professional development and hope to have an announcement on that position within the next two weeks.

Recruitment for the new Bridge Humanities Corps program has been launched. It's being offered on a one year pilot basis. There will be 10 ABDs and 4 newly minted USC PhDs—a cohort of 14. The ABDs will teach a 2/2 SAEL 200 load and the newly minted USC PhDs will teach a 3/3 load SAEL 200 load. These opportunities are only available to the NEH group due to the specifics of the grant application. The compensation is \$21,500 for the ABDs (includes coverage of the costs for health insurance) and \$32,500 for the newly minted USC PhDs and. The deadline for students to apply is Monday, May 2nd, 8:30a.m.

5. Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council / Associate Dean (Murray Mitchell)

Dr. Elfenbein reminded the Council for Dr. Mitchell that Brittany Walter and six members of the Graduate Council are rotating off. We would like your recommendations of your colleagues that you think would be interested, willing and available to serve a three year term on Grad Council. It is possible for nominees from the same college to serve on the council, but multiple nominees from the same department may not serve at the same time. Please pass names and contact information, of individuals interested, willing and able to serve along to Dr. Mitchell.

If you know of other faculty and staff who would be great for other kinds of service to graduate students and graduate programs and can't serve a three year term or may teach during our meeting time, we need other faculty members to serve with us on our various committees. We need others for: (1) Academic Policies and Practices; (2) Fellowships and Scholarships (which has a much heavier load in the spring semester than in fall); (3) Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Related Professional Programs; (4) Science, Math, Engineering, Health Sciences and Related Professional Programs; and, (5) Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee. We need good people on all of these committees; so, please be thinking about colleagues on campus who might benefit from serving our 6800 graduate students in some capacity.

6. Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative (Brittany Walter)

Graduate Student Week was a success and attendance was great. Elections were held two weeks ago and new officers were elected.

7. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Matt Brown)

None reported.

8. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses, Distance Education and Special Courses**
(Murray Mitchell)

A listing of 500/600 Level Courses is presented to Council for informational purposes only.

500/600 Level Courses

- **BIOL 634** (3) Biology of Neurological Diseases. NCP: Fall 2016
- **ECIV 582** (3) Rail Operations and Logistics NCP: Fall 2016
- **RETL 592** (3) Retailing/Fashion Merchandising Field Study CCP: Fall 2017
- **RETL 600** (3) Fundamentals of Omni-Channel Retailing NCP: Summer 2016
- **RETL 640** (3) Personnel Development & Relations Management. NCP: Summer 2016

Distance Education Delivery

- **EXSC 563** (3) Physical Activity and the Physical Dimensions of Aging (Fall 2017) CCP
- **ECIV 582** (3) Rail Operations and Logistics NCP: Fall 2016
- **RETL 600** (3) Fundamentals of Omni-Channel Retailing NCP: Summer 2016
- **RETL 640** (3) Personnel Development & Relations Management. NCP: Summer 2016
- **RETL 662** (3) Customer Relationship Management for the Retail Industry CCP: Fall 2017

Special Topics Courses

- **ENHS 793** (3) Soil Science and Environmental Health (Fall 2016)
- **MATH 788** (3) Theory of Irreducible Polynomials (Fall 2016)
- **MUED 793** (3) New Directives in Music Education (Summer 2016)
- **SLIS 795** (3) Issues in Information and Communications in Sub-Saharan Africa (Fall 2016)
- **SOWK 768** (3) Youth and Substance Use (Summer 2016)
- **SOWK 768** (3) Secondary Data Analysis (Fall 2016)
- **SOWK 768** (3) Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (Fall 2016)
- **SOWK 768** (3) Multilevel Modeling (Fall 2016)
- **PSYC 841** (3) Academic Interventions (Fall 2016)

9. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations (Murray Mitchell)

Dr. Efenbein reported for Dr. Mitchell that he did receive one nomination, but he thinks that it was meant to be a term nomination. He will confirm and report at the meeting in May.

10. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Heather Brandt)

Wright Culpepper gave the following update on the 2016 Presidential Fellows for Dr. Heather Brandt from her committee:

- 26 fellows from 21 programs
 - 15 fellows from 11 programs in the College of Arts & Sciences
 - Chemistry, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, English, Experimental Psychology (2), Geography (2), Geological Sciences, History, Linguistics, Political Science (2), and School Psychology (2)
 - 5 fellows from 4 programs in the Arnold School of Public Health
 - Environmental Health Sciences, Exercise Science, Health Promotion, Education and Behavior (2), and Health Services Policy and Management
 - 2 fellows from 2 programs in the Darla Moore School of Business
 - Business Administration and Economics
 - 1 fellow from the College of Education
 - Language and Literacy
 - 1 fellow from the College of Engineering and Computing
 - Chemical Engineering
 - 1 fellow from the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management
 - Sport and Entertainment Management
 - 1 fellow from the School of Medicine
 - Biomedical Sciences
- 4 academic programs new to the Presidential Fellowship
 - Economics
 - Environmental Health Sciences
 - Health Services Policy and Management
 - Language and Literacy

Demographics

- Average age = 27 years
- 50% female
- 3 international students (Greece, Iran, and Nigeria)
- 3 students spent time at community college

Fellows Chose USC Over These Domestic Schools

Alabama (2)	Illinois	Texas A&M
Auburn	John Hopkins	Tulane
Arizona State	Kentucky	UCLA (2)
Clemson (2)	Michigan State	Vanderbilt
Chicago	Mississippi	Virginia
Connecticut	NC State (2)	Wisconsin
Duke	North Carolina (3)	
Florida (2)	Oregon	
Georgia (4)	Oregon State	
Georgia State (2)	Tennessee	

11. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (David Tedeschi)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site: <https://www.sc.edu/programproposal/gradagenda/?id=14>

At this Public Agenda link, the individual proposals are not live-linked, but agenda items are listed in alphabetical order. To view the full proposals, GC members and Committee Chairs still need to go to the Committee Review site, and filter for “Committees”, then for the “Committee” called “Added to Grad Council agenda.”

- **PHYS 728** Quantum Optics – Understanding Light-Matter Interactions, Arts and Sciences, New Course Proposal. Fall 2016
- **PHYT Major / Degree Program**, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Public Health, Change Program. Fall 2017
- **PHYT 785** Seminar in Physical Therapy, Public Health, Change Course. Fall 2017
- **PHYT 788** Evidence-Based Practice in Physical Therapy, Public Health, Change Course. Fall 2017

All proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Drucilla Barker)

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- **EDLP Major / Degree Program**, Educational Administration, Ph.D., Education, Change Program. Fall 2017
- **EDPY 706** Growth and Development: Childhood, Education, Change Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 701** Special Topics in Old English Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 704** Special Topics in Medieval Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 706** Special Topics in 16th and 17th Century British Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 707** Special Topics in 18th Century British Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 709** Special Topics in 19th Century British Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 714** Special Topics in 20th and 21st Century British Literature and Culture , Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 719** Special Topics in Colonial American Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 721** Special Topics in 19th Century American Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 722** Special Topics in 20th and 21st Century American Literature and Culture Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 731** Special Topics in Children’s and Young Adult Literature, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 736** Special Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 739** Special Topics in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 740** Special Topics in Southern Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 741** Special Topics in African American Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 743** Special Topics in Women’s Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 746** Special Topics in Transatlantic Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 747** Special Topics in Global Anglophone Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 748** Special Topics in Postcolonial Literature and Culture, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 749** Special Topics in Performance Studies, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 754** Special Topics in Film and Media Studies, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017

- **ENGL 764** Special Topics in Theory and Critical Methods, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 766** Special Topics in Genre, Form, and Aesthetics, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 803** Special Topics: Seminar in Literacy and Cultural Studies, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 804** Special Topics: Seminar in Theory and Critical Methods, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **ENGL 805** Special Topics: Seminar in Media Studies, Arts and Sciences, New Course. Fall 2017
- **RETL 710** Retailing E-Commerce, Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management, New Course Proposal. Summer 2016
- **SOWK 731** Motivational Interviewing for Social Work Practice, Social Work, New Course Proposal. Summer 2016

All proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

13. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Nancy Brown)

None reported.

14. Other Committee Reports

Dr. Elfenbein asked that all members serving on Provost Blue Ribbon committees please make sure that your sub-committees are meeting regularly.

15. Old Business

16. New Business

Dr. Elfenbein announced that next month's meeting will be held on May 23rd and it will be an 11:30a.m. luncheon. Dr. Ford has made plans to be in attendance. The report from the external deans will be forwarded to the Grad Council in the meantime. We have a definition of under-represented minorities pending for the Graduate School with Legal. This will be shared with you at next month's meeting as well. There are certain funding opportunities that, without a definition, it is difficult to make determinations as to who is eligible and who is not eligible. Graduate Council members finishing their term of service will be acknowledged at this meeting.

17. Good of the Order

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.