



# The Graduate School

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 9, 2019

The Graduate Council met on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Thomas Cooper Library in the Career Center.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Jim Mensch, Vice Chair; Drs. Suzanne Adlof, Ron Benner, Matt Boylan, Bobby Brame, Joanna Casey, Maks Chruszcz, Rick Creswick, Jean Ellis, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, Nikki Wooten, and Jennifer Mandelbaum, GSA Representative.

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Nate Bell, Robin DiPietro, Spencer Platt, Tom Regan, Sirivatch Shimpalee, and Songhua Xu.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Cheryl Addy, Dr. Murray Mitchell (Secretary), Dr. Heather Brandt (Excused), Dale Moore (Excused), and Wanda Barr.

Provost Office Representatives: Dr. Tena Crews (excused), and Trena Houp (excused)

Guests: None

**NOTE: These minutes will become final on January 27, 2020 if not challenged.**

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Jim Mensch, Vice Chair for Tom Regan)  
The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.
2. **Approval of the [Minutes from November 25, 2019](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>
3. **Report of the Chair** (Jim Mensch for Tom Regan)  
No report.
4. **Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)  
Dr. Addy recently attended the Council of Graduate Schools meeting in Nashville, TN where she presented on how we work with experiential learning in professional online programs. She specifically highlighted Nursing, Education, and Speech Pathology. The information was well received with most of the questions being directed at how we at UofSC handle Business Education. The discussions that we have been having on the importance of supporting our graduate students and guiding them right now is a nationwide conversation and a problem that all schools are currently having. She will have a more detailed report for the meeting in

January.

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

As ever, if issues arise in your programs, Dr. Mitchell invited the members to either let him know so that he can possibly add the topic to our agenda with any available background information to facilitate an informed discussion, or, to bring up a topic for 'new business.' The intention behind moving much of the business to committees was to free up time for consideration of substantive issues by this group. So, please remember to solicit topics of concern for graduate programs from your program colleagues.

The Hooding ceremony will be held in the Koger Center on Monday, December 16, at 9:30. Arriving before that time is always appreciated. So far, we are anticipating close to 200 students to attend (including Summer and Fall graduates). For some context, we had approximately 150 students this past spring.

As a reminder, there was discussion at a prior meeting with regard to the procedures for Special Topics Course proposals. This process is addressed in ACAF 2.03 which is currently being revised. When those revisions are final, and the policy is approved and posted, we will move to sending proposals for graduate special topics courses directly to the Registrar. Until then, we will continue with the current practice of proposals going first through the Graduate School. Please remember that the sooner Special Topics Courses are submitted, the sooner the Registrar can post the course, and the sooner the students can register for those courses.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 27 at 2:00. For your convenience, it may be more helpful to remember that our meetings are consistently held on the fourth Mondays at 2:00, with exceptions in December and May. Please add these meetings to your calendar.

6. **Report on Professional Development** (Murray Mitchell for Heather Brandt)

No report.

7. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Jennifer Mandelbaum)

Jennifer reported that GSA will not meet again until January 31, 2020. She and Dr. Jean Ellis met briefly to discuss how to get GSA representative's thoughts regarding the UofSC potentially dropping the GRE requirements as a screening criterion on scholarship and fellowship applications. GSA will have more feedback in the Spring semester.

8. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Jim Mensch)

No report.

9. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses, Distributed Learning and Special Topics Courses**  
(Murray Mitchell)

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

**500/600 Courses for December 2019 Grad Council**

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

**HRTM 590 (3) Hospitality Leadership (STC: Summer 2020)**

**THEA 599** (3) Costume Construction for the Performer (STC: Spring 2020)

**Distributed Learning Proposals**

**ACCT 741** (3) Lean Operations and Business Sustainability (STC: Spring 2020)

**HRTM 590** (3) Hospitality Leadership (STC: Summer 2020)

**Special Topics Course Proposals**

**ACCT 741** (3) Lean Operations and Business Sustainability (Spring 2020)

**ECON 898** (3) Negotiations (Spring 2020)

**HRTM 590** (3) Hospitality Leadership (Summer 2020)

**THEA 599** (3) Costume Construction for the Performer (Spring 2020)

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

None at this time.

11. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Jean Ellis)

Dr. Ellis advised the Council that her committee will have a meeting to review the onslaught of proposals and applications that will be arriving between early January, February, and March. She asked that the Council members please go back and encourage graduate directors and advise faculty in their units to nominate deserving students in their departments for these prestigious financial awards. These awards are for incoming and returning students.

Additional information on funding opportunities can be found on the Graduate School web page here:

[https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/graduate\\_school/paying\\_for\\_graduate\\_school/fellowships\\_awards/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/paying_for_graduate_school/fellowships_awards/index.php)

12. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Rick Creswick)

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/agenda/?id=78&code=GCO>

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."

- **LAWH 738** (3) HIPAA & Records Compliance, Law, NCP: Spring 2020
- **LAWH 750** (2) Health Systems Legal Externship, Law, NCP: Spring 2020

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

13. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee**  
(Murray Mitchell for Robin DiPietro)

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- **EDRD 797** (3) Assessment for English Language Learners, Education, CCP: Spring 2020
- **EDRD 798** (3) Curriculum Design and Materials Development for English Language Learners, Education, CCP: Spring 2020
- **EDST Major / Degree Program**, M.Ed. in Special Education, Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2020
- **EDTE 820** (3) Principles of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Integration, Education, NCP: Spring 2020
- **SPTE 720** (3) Advanced Live Entertainment Management, HRSM, NCP: Spring 2020
- **SPTE 765** (3) Advanced Sales in Sport and Entertainment Management, HRSM, NCP: Spring 2020

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

14. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Bobby Brame)  
No report.

15. **Other Committee Reports**  
None at this time.

16. **Old Business**  
None at this time.

17. **New Business**

Dr. Rick Creswick brought up the issue that there is a move within the College of Arts and Sciences toward a new policy to limit teaching assistants eligibility to four years. Research assistants will not be affected by this new policy. He feels that this move will cause major problems. They are already having to hire students from Engineering and other departments to teach undergraduate labs. He doesn't know the rationale behind this decision. After much discussion, and confirmation that (a) no others present were aware of any such policy in other colleges, and (b) colleagues in other departments within the College of Arts and Sciences were equally concerned with potentially negative impact of such a policy on their programs. A closing suggestion was that he go back to the

College of Arts and Sciences to gather more information on this policy proposal.

**\*\*Note:** Dr. zur Loye confirmed that this rumor is not true. The limit on funding for graduate teaching assistants in the College of Arts and Sciences is limited to 6 years, with the possibility of additional funding on research grants after that time.

18. **Good of the Order**

Dr. Mitchell asked that all Council members sign in on the roster for accountability purposes.

Dr. Mitchell also reminded the Council members that he hopes to see as many of them as possible at the doctoral hooding ceremony on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a.m. at the Koger Center for the Arts.

19. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

**Murray Mitchell, Secretary**

CC:

Bob Caslen, President

Tayloe Harding, Interim Provost

Cheryl Addy, 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 George, Office of the Registrar