GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 26th, 2020

The Graduate Council met virtually on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Jim Mensch, Chair; Drs. Suzanne Adlof, Matt Boylan, Joanna Casey, Robin DiPietro, Shanna Harrington, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, Carmen Maye, Srihari Nelakuditi, Spencer Platt, Stephen Shapiro, Sherl Wiskur, Nikki Wooten, Songhua Xu and Sudipta Saha, GSA Representative.

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Nate Bell, Ron Benner, and Todd Shaw.

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

Provost Office Representative: Trena Houp

Guests: Dr. Kevin LeBlanc (Medical School), Dr. Catherine Gutshall (Medical School), Dr. Elizabeth Reagan (IIT), Dr. Jean Ellis (Geography), Dr. Bob Brookshire (IIT), Dr. Kristen Seay (Social Work), Sam Beals (Physics), Camea Cato (Journalism), Savannah Dunne (English), Renee Jenkins (Mechanical Engineering), Melissa Kupfer (Nursing), Mosetta Ragin (Social Work), Rachel Cooper (Chemistry and Biochemistry), and Libby Cross (Graduate School)

NOTE: These minutes will become final on November 23, 2020 if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Jim Mensch, Chair)
    The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., and the agenda was unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of the [Minutes from September 28, 2020](#)**. 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 September were approved.

3. **Report of the Chair** (Jim Mensch)
    No report.

4. **Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)
    Dr. Addy suggested that we form two small working groups to look at the Graduate Bulletin entries to address the following: 1) to define a more standard presentation for each academic program in terms of what material is required and to be more consistent about the level of detail for what is in the

Graduate Bulletin versus what is maintained at the college or program level. 2) to thoroughly review the academic regulations to clean up the ambiguity and inconsistency as the information is presented in multiple places. If you are interested in working with either of these groups, please let Dr. Mitchell or her know directly. Dr. Nikki Wooten has volunteered to assist on one of these Graduate Bulletin committees.

At the General Faculty meeting, our proposal to make a change in the definition for an Associate Membership in Graduate Faculty was returned to Faculty Advisory. Graduate Council, Faculty Advisory and Faculty Senate had already approved this proposal. They are now waiting for her to make a new proposal. The issue is that we had written this to remove an ambiguity that allowed full time staff who did have a terminal degree to qualify as Graduate Faculty. She doesn't see how we can justify allowing or expecting a staff person to chair a doctoral committee. Given the expanding voting rights that we have now, we might can revisit this whole proposal a little more broadly. If one or two people would like to work with her on how to present this, she welcomes your input. This must be wrapped up by March 2021 in time for Faculty Advisory and Faculty Senate to approve it before the Spring General Faculty meeting. Sooner could be better. Please let her know if you are interested in this discussion.

She has submitted the Graduate School Blueprint which would be incorporated into the Office of the Provost Blueprint. No major changes there on that particular one.

Dr. Addy and Dr. Jean Ellis briefed the Graduate Council on the progress of the Presidential Fellows. This has been a productive virtual year of GRAD 801. To date our speakers have been: Dr. Bethany Bell (SOWK), Faculty Senate President Mark Cooper, Sporty Jeralds (HRSM), and President Caslen. President Caslen stated he learned a lot about the Presidential Fellowship program during his preparation for the meeting, which is (hopefully) great for the short- and long-term funding of the program!

The Presidential Fellows have been doing really well. Notable accomplishments include Archie Crowley is a 2020 UofSC TEDx speaker. All accomplishments are posted on the Presidential Fellows' website and distributed on social media.

The Presidential Fellows are using MS Teams, which promotes pretty consistent online chatting. There are MS Teams channels for the entire cohort, each cohort, and for the Presidential Advisory Council. Lastly, Dr. Ellis sends out weekly email blasts (on Monday) that include Presidential Fellows - only announcements and general information that can be passed along to any UofSC graduate student. As a shout out, she gets a lot of the latter information from Wright Culpepper (they also have a weekly tag-up).

Dr. Ellis encourages anyone to send her information that can be distributed to the Presidential Fellows, or feedback about the Fellowship program.

5. **Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council** (Murray Mitchell)
   Dr. Mitchell thanked all members and guests for making the effort to attend to Graduate Council business and hoped that all were remaining safe and healthy during these challenging times. He suggested that this remote or virtual interaction style is very comfortable for some and foreign, even isolating for others. Any efforts to encourage colleagues to reach out to students, staff and faculty members to reinforce a sense of community would be time well spent. So, please remember to check in on students to verify wellness and encourage continued progress to degree objectives; check in on faculty and staff colleagues for their health and safety and to support our shared mission.

He requested that reminders be shared with unit colleagues in regard to a couple of procedural changes that may impact processing:

- Special Topics Course proposals go directly to the Registrar and do not go through the Graduate School.
- Updates to grades that were originally "incomplete" for which students have now earned a final grade within one year, go directly to the Registrar and do not require a Change of Grade request through the Graduate School.

6. **Report on Professional Development** (Murray Mitchell for Wright Culpepper)
Unfortunately, Wright had another meeting and was unable to join us this afternoon. He did prepare the following report:

From the start of the semester to date, they have had seven professional development events. Here is a brief description of each:

- At the beginning of the semester, we asked graduate students to tell us about their challenges with time management. In a recorded Teams conversation with four leaders of the GSA, Wright addressed these topics and distributed the recording to all graduate students via the listserv.
- The Student Success Center facilitated the Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop. Approximately 30 students attended this virtual workshop, which is the most we've had for this workshop in a long time according to the Student Success Center.
- Due to high demand, the Center for Teaching Excellence has twice facilitated Part 1 of their Writing Your Teaching Philosophy.
- Nathan Strong from the Office of Organizational and Professional Development led a virtual workshop designed to help students examine and identify team player styles.
- Professional headshots were conducted two weeks ago.
- Dr. Jonathan Edwards, Director of the Program in Speech Communication and Rhetoric, facilitated a virtual communication workshop titled 'Learn to Talk About Your Research.'

UofSC Postdoc Association has opened their professional development opportunities to graduate students.
- Their first workshop was conducted virtually earlier this month. It centered on the basics of writing a competitive grant proposal.

Professional development scheduled for the remainder of the Semester:
- Wright recorded a conversation with two UofSC Assistant Professors last Friday. They provided general guidance on how graduate students should be preparing for a career in academia. The recording will be distributed via the graduate student listserv this week.
- The Center for Teaching Excellence will facilitate Part 2 of their Writing Your Teaching Philosophy workshop. Date TBA.
- The Student Success Center will facilitate another Start Smart Salary Negotiation workshop on November 10.
- We are working to schedule another session for professional headshots. Due to limited capacity, we were unable to serve all students who wanted a headshot in the first round.

Plans for the Spring 2021 Semester:
- We intend for some of the previously mentioned workshops to be offered each semester.

- We will consult key stakeholders in developing our programming schedule:
  1. GSA
  2. Career Center
  3. CTE
  4. Others

Discover UofSC will be held virtually on Friday, April 23, 2021
- We will deliver professional development opportunities directed at virtual poster presentations, the virtual 3MT competition, etc. in the months leading up to the event.

7. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Sudipta Saha)
Sudipta has confirmed that President Caslen will attend the first half hour of the Graduate Council meeting on November 23rd.

GSA officers had dinner at President Caslen's house on October 20th where they discussed graduate student concerns and planning and preparation for the Spring 2021 semester. President Caslen emphasized increasing the support for graduate students as he aims to increase the status of the UofSC to that of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

As the GSA Representative, he participated in the virtual townhall of the Vice President of Research on Oct 12th. They discussed increasing the funding and associated facilities for graduate research.

GSA had its first townhall of the semester on October 14th. The next and final townhall of the fall semester will be held on November 11th, 3-5p.m. Dr. Cheryl Addy, Dean of Graduate School, and Dr. Anna Edwards, Associate Vice President for Student Life, will attend the townhall as guest speakers.

8. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Nikki Wooten)
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 October 2020 Grad Council**
> (CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal; STC=Special Topics Course)
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> **BIOL 505** (3) Developmental Biology (CCP; Fall 2021)
> **BIOL 552** (3) Population Genetics (CCP; Fall 2021)
> **ECIV 562** (3) Engineering Hydrology (CCP; Fall 202121)
> **EDEX 670** (3) Nature of Students with Multi-Categorical Disabilities (NCP; Spring 2021)
> **EDEX 671** (3) Instruction of Students with Multi-Categorical Disabilities (NCP; Spring 2021)
> **EDSE 575** (3) Teaching Foreign Languages in Secondary Schools (Crosslisted with FORL 511)
>   (CCP Fall 2021)
> **FORL 571** (3) Teaching Foreign Languages in Secondary Schools (Crosslisted with EDSE 575)
>   (CCP Fall 2021)
> **MGSC 520** (3) Forecasting and Time Series (CCP; Fall 2021)

<u>Distributed Learning Proposals</u>

SPTE 590 (3) Special Topics in Live Entertainment (CCP; Fall 2021)

<u>Special Topics Course Proposals</u>

These proposals will now go directly to the Registrar for scheduling.

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

Name:	**Erika Blanck** (DPT)
Program:	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Ioulia Chatzistamou** (PhD)
Program:	Pathology, Microbiology & Immunology; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 - Fall 2026

Name:	**Jack Goldsmith** (PhD)
Program:	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Heather Googe** (PhD)
Program:	Educational Studies
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Russell Haber** (PhD)
Program:	Educational Studies
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Ashley Holt** (PhD)
Program:	Educational Studies
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Chandrshekhar Patel** (PhD)
Program:	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Robert Price** (PhD)
Program:	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Sujit Pujhari** (PhD)
Program:	Pharmacology, Physiology & Neuroscience; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name:	**Narendra Singh** (PhD)
Program:	Pathology, Microbiology & Immunology; School of Medicine
Term:	Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

11. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Joanna Casey)
    No report.

12. **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:

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    - **ASNR 750** (3) Health Policy, Ethics, and Legal Concepts for the DNP Nurse Anesthetist, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2021
    - **ASNR 797** (3) Professional Role of the DNP Nurse Anesthetist, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2021
    - **ASNR 896** (3) Professional Role of the DNP Nurse Anesthetist II, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2021
    - **ASNR 897** (2) DNP Project I, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2021
    - **ASNR 898** (1 – 2) DNP Project II, Medicine, CCP: Fall 2021
    - **BIOL Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Biological Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
    - **BIOL Major / Degree Program**, MS in Biological Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
    - **ELCT 861** (3) Advances in Electromagnetics, Electrical Engineering, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
    - **EMCH 797**, Research, Engineering and Computing, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2021
    - **EPID 777** (3) Genetic and Epigenetic Epidemiology, Public Health, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
    - **EXSC 775** (3) Neural Basis of Skilled Motor Behavior, Public Health, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **EXSC 801** (1) Ethical Conduct in Public Health Research, Public Health, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **EXSC 802** (1) Predoctoral Fellowship Writing Course with Special Emphasis on NIH F31, Public Health, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC Major / Degree Program**, PhD in Informatics, Engineering & Computing, New Program: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC 742** (3) Enterprise Network Management, Engineering & Computing, New Course Proposal: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC 754** (3) Analysis and Design of Information Systems and Technology, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC 765** (3) Human Computer Interaction, Usability and Interface Design, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC 766** (3) IT Project Management, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC 772** (3) Database Systems, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
    - **ITEC 781** (3) Artificial Intelligence and Informatics I, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021

- **ITEC 782** (3) Artificial Intelligence and Informatics II, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **ITEC 786** (3) Advanced Enterprise Data Analytics, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **ITEC 787** (3) Advanced Data Analytics Tools, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **ITEC 899** (1 – 12) Dissertation Preparation, Engineering & Computing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **NURS 710** (3) Role of the Nurse Educator, Nursing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **NURS 714** (4) Maternal/Newborn Nursing Practice, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 715** (4) Pediatric Nursing Practice, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 720** (3) Clinical Application of Population Analysis, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 723** (5) Medical Surgical Nursing Practice I, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 729** (4) Psychiatric Nursing Practice, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 739** (3) Online Instruction and Technology in Nursing Education, Nursing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **NURS 743** (3) Advanced Nursing Practicum for the Educator, Nursing, NCP: Spring 2021
- **NURS 747** (3) Leadership and Safety for Nursing Practice, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 750** (3) Transition to Nursing Practice I, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **NURS 791** (3) Seminar in Clinical Nursing Research, Nursing, Change to Existing Course: Fall 2021

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

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

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- **ACCT 745** (3) Auditing and Information Technology, Business, NCP: Spring 2021
- **ACCT 746** (3) Data Analytics for Accounting and Auditing, Business, NCP: Spring 2021
- **ACCT 747** (3) Accounting Information Systems for Strategic Management, Business, NCP: Spring 2021
- **ANTH Major / Degree Program**, Anthropology, M.A., Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
- **DMSB 713** (3) Global Economics, Business, CCP: Fall 2021

- **EDEX 714C** (3) Practicum in Instruction of Exceptional Children II: C (Multicategorical), Education, NCP: Spring 2021
- **EDEX 796C** (12) Directed Teaching in Special Education: C (Multicategorical), Education, NCP: Spring 2021
- **EDFI 879** (1-3) Equity and Justice Internship, Education, NCP: Spring 2021
- **EDLP Major / Degree Program**, Education Administration, M.Ed., Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
- **EDLP Major / Degree Program,** Education Administration, Ed.S., Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
- **EDRM 715** (3) Mixed Methods Research, Education, NCP: Spring 2021
- **EDST Major / Degree Program,** Special Education, Ph.D., Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
- **MGSC 798** (3) Strategic Information Management, Business, CCP: Fall 2021
- **PSYC 833**, Practicum in Mental Retardation, Arts and Sciences, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2021
- **SLIS Academic Certificate,** Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Library and Information Science, Information & Communications, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2021
- **SPTE 730** (3) Advanced Sport and the Law, HRSM, CCP: Spring 2021
- **SPTE 760** (3) Principles of Sport and Entertainment Marketing, HRSM, CCP: Spring 2021

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

14. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Carmen Maye)
    The Council went into closed session to discuss a student appeal.

    In open session, the Council was asked to vote on the recommendation from the Grievances Appeals and Petitions (GAP) Committee.

    The Council unanimously voted to support the GAP Committee recommendation.

15. **Other Committee Reports**
    None.

16. **Old Business**
    None.

17. **New Business**
    None.

18. **Good of the Order**
    None.

19. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 3:04p.m.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC: Bob Caslen, President
      William Tate, 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