



GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 9th, 2022

The Graduate Council met virtually on Monday, May 9th, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Nikki Wooten, Chair; Drs. Matt Boylan, Subra Bulusu, Shana Harrington, Elise Ince, Hippokratis Kiaris, William Matchin, Jim Mensch, Srihari Nelakuditi, David Reisman, Stephen Shapiro, Sheryl Wiskur, Neal Woods, Christina Yao, and Maggie Carson (GSA)

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Demetrius Abshire, Jean Ellis, Marketa Kubickova, and Songhua Xu

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

Provost Office Representative: Trena Houp

Guests: Dr. Michael Bizimis (SEOE), Dr. Bob Brookshire (IIT), Dr. Matthew Wilson (Political Science), Dr. Sheri Silfies (Exercise Science), Ed Short (Registrar), Rajat Das Gupta (GSA), and Maxwell Akonde (GSA)

NOTE: These minutes will become final on August 22nd, 2022, if not challenged.

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Nikki Wooten, Chair)
The meeting was called to order at 2:05p.m., and the agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from April 25, 2022.** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/for-faculty_staff/graduate_council/graduate_council_minutes/index.php. The minutes from April were unanimously approved.
- 3. Report of the Chair** (Nikki Wooten)
Dr. Wooten advised that this was her last meeting as chair and as a member of the Graduate Council. She has enjoyed serving for the last three years. It was great to meet everyone and to serve the mission of the Graduate School. She looks forward to hearing within her department about the wonderful work that has been initiated and the work that will be initiated in the future semesters.
- 4. Report of the Dean of the Graduate School** (Tracey Weldon)
Dr. Weldon thanked Dr. Wooten for her services as chair and for her years on the Graduate Council and extended that same sentiment to the others who will be rotating off this semester. We appreciate all that you do and hope that they will return to the Graduate Council soon.

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

Dr. Mitchell echoed Dr. Weldon's thanks to Dr. Wooten for serving as chair and for her years of service to the Graduate Council. He also thanked the other departing members:

- Matthew Boylan (Math)
- Elise Ince (Marketing)
- Hippokratis Kiaris (Pharmacy)
- Jim Mensch (Athletic Training)
- Neal Woods (Political Science)
- Nikki Wooten (Social Work)
- Maggie Carson (GSA)

He mentioned that Dr. Woods was filling out the end-of-term for someone else and is eligible to continue for an additional term. We will take up those nominations that require a vote of existing Graduate Council members for new nominees to join the Graduate Council. He has received several nominations of people already, but there is still room for others. If any of your colleagues still have an interest in serving on the Graduate Council or any of the other committees that will serve the Graduate Council, each of those committees require a member of the Graduate Council to be chair, but membership on the committee can be other graduate faculty or associate graduate faculty who want to get a little bit more insight into what happens or what goes on in graduate education at this institution and their contributions are necessary and are certainly more than welcome.

Dr. Mitchell suggested that the first meeting of the Fall semester in August will be virtual. At that point, we will raise that issue again for the new members and current continuing members of the Graduate Council as to preferences for how to handle the business of the Graduate Council in our next academic year. As many of you are aware, there are ongoing resurgences of variances of the virus and where exactly we will be in the fall is anybody's guess. He wished everyone a healthy, happy summer and looks forward to seeing those members who will be returning in August.

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

No report.

7. Report on Professional Development (Wright Culpepper)

No report.

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

Maggie thanked the Graduate Council for her time spent serving this academic year. She reported that the new team of executive officers took office on May 1st; so, she is officially done with her role for the academic year. GSA's year end report is incomplete and will be shared in August. When the report is shared in August, any questions should be emailed to past president, Sowmya Raghuram. If any of your students are interested in being involved in GSA, they have the President Cabinet positions open. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 13th. Please share the following link with your students who are interested in getting involved:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHz2D8m1paL-ccZHXBxNWRG5fAlcNntz9nHSEROCxJYsM5Wg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

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 May 2022 Grad Council

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

EDEC 510 (3) Parent/Family Dynamics in Early Childhood Education (CCP: Fall 2023)

EDEC 591 (3) Seminar on Teaching in Early Childhood (CCP: Fall 2023)

11. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations (Murray Mitchell)

Name: **Elizabeth Regan** (PhD)
Program: Exercise Science/DPT Program
Term: Fall 2020 – Fall 2026

Name: **Bridget McFadden** (PhD)
Program: Exercise Science/DPT Program
Term: Summer 2022 – Summer 2028

These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Murray Mitchell for Jean Ellis)

Dr. Mitchell reported for Dr. Ellis that the Fellowships and Scholarships Committee had a wrap-up meeting last week. She will provide Dean Weldon with an end-of-year report in the next couple of weeks.

13. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Hippokratris 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=116&code=GCO>

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- **ITEC 766** (3) IT Project Management, Engineering and Computing, CCP: Summer 2022
- **ITEC 781** (3) Artificial intelligence and Informatics I, Engineering and Computing, CCP: Summer 2022

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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- **CRIM Major / Degree Program**, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Ph.D., Arts and Sciences, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2023
- **EDFI 731** (3) Qualitative Inquiry, Education, CCP: Summer 2022
- **INTE Major / Degree Program**, Language and Literacy Education, Education, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2023

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

15. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Shana Harrington)

Dr. Harrington identified that there was one student issue that the committee had received and reviewed. She asked that the Graduate Council members go into closed session to discuss the case and to protect the rights of the student’s academic record privacy.

When the Graduate Council reconvened, Dr. Harrington presented a motion from the Committee to deny the student’s petition. No second was required for this committee motion. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to support the committee recommendation to deny the student’s petition.

16. Other Committee Reports

None.

17. Old Business

None.

18. New Business

None.

19. Good of the Order

Dr. Mitchell thanked the Graduate Council for their diligence and helpful support throughout the academic year and reminded them that if they had any colleagues who are interested in serving to please have them contact him or share their contact information and he would reach out to them. Happy, safe summer to everyone.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35p.m.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC: Harris Pastides, Interim President
Stephen Cutler, Interim Provost
Tracey Weldon, Vice Provost for Graduate Education & 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