



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 22, 2010

The Graduate School

The Graduate Council met on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Andrew Shifflett, Chair; Drs. Cheryl Addy, Nancy Brown, Shirley Staples Carter, Xiaomin Deng, John Grego, Scott Huebner, Richard Hunt, Satish Jayachandran, Rhonda Jeffries, Murray Mitchell, Srihari Nelakuditi, Nic Ularu, and Mike Wyatt; Andrea Adams

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. JoAnne Herman, Michelle Maher, Francisco Sanchez, Donna Shannon, and George Voulgaris (excused)

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. James Buggy, Interim Dean; Dr. Nancy Zimmerman; Dale Moore; Janice Byrd

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

Guests: None

NOTE: These minutes will become final on April 30, 2010, if not challenged.

1. **Chair's Remarks** (Andrew Shifflett)

Dr. Shifflett called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of minutes** (Minutes of the [February 22, 2010](#) meeting). The minutes were reviewed electronically and approved by the Council. [A copy of Minutes are on file at The Graduate School; also posted on The Graduate School website at <http://gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes/>]

3. **Report of the Interim Dean of The Graduate School (James Buggy)**

- Dr. Buggy informed the Council that the presentation schedule for Graduate Student Day has been posted and it can be viewed online at <http://gradschool.sc.edu/gsd/> . Dr. Buggy reminded the Council that Graduate Student Day will be held Friday, April 2nd and that all Council members are asked to judge. Dr. Buggy stated that a schedule of assignments will be emailed to Council members soon.
- Dr. Buggy advised the Council that the spring graduate director's meeting is scheduled to be held April 21 in the Russell House Theatre. Dr. Buggy stated that the agenda will be emailed soon and once emailed, it will be posted online at <http://gradschool.sc.edu/graddir/meetannounce.htm> .

4. **Report of the Associate Dean / Secretary of the Graduate Council (Nancy Zimmerman)**

Dr. Zimmerman reported that she had received feedback re the list of priorities for graduate education requested of Graduate Council by Dr. Kresovich. Significant discussion followed resulting in a preliminary categorization of four general priorities:

- Improving quality of life for graduate students to enable recruitment and retention of quality graduate students - change in the formula for funding graduate education; restoration of tuition waivers for all doctoral students or better formulas for returning tuition to faculty supporting graduate students; full health insurance coverage; increased stipends; and better housing options; travel funds
- Improving quality of life for faculty to enhance recruitment and retention of quality faculty – salary compression; reconsideration for recognition and compensation for graduate advising and directing theses and dissertations; travel funding; better communication and partnering on resource decisions by administration with faculty; course load; eliminate perception that certain programs are favored and promoted over others
- Better marketing of ALL graduate programs and accomplishments to raise potential student, parent, and alumni awareness of quality programs offered and to raise rankings that drive those perceptions; strategic marketing of programs to include what graduates achieve, how many are hired, and where they are hired; increased fundraising and development for graduate education
- Systematic and consistent support for faculty and graduate student research; research center for faculty and graduate students for “on-call” help with grant proposals, research methodology, grant administration, targeting appropriate publication venues, etc.; promotion of interdisciplinary research by helping faculty and graduate students to network and by providing seed money incentives for interdisciplinary research and appointments; mentoring of assistant professors by the established, known researchers to help them grow into established known researchers so they will be competitive for prestigious grants and external research funding

After discussion, these four priorities were adopted. Dr. Zimmerman will forward the priorities to Dr. Kresovich on behalf of the Graduate Council.

5. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Andrea Adams)
- Ms. Adams advised the Council that the Graduate Student Association (GSA) elections will be held at the end of this month and at that time a student will be elected to serve on the Graduate Council for the next academic year.
 - Dr. Zimmerman asked Ms. Adams to encourage GSA representatives to volunteer to serve as student judges at Graduate Student Day to be held next week.
6. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Andrew Shifflett for Francisco Sanchez)

At the February 22 meeting of the Graduate Council, Dr. Voulgaris asked the Academic Policies and Practices Committee to review the Concurrent Enrollment policy. After much discussion, The Academic Policies and Practices Committee could not come to a consensus recommendation to change the policy from 9 hours to 12 hours to align with the 12 hours for Accelerated Bachelor's / Graduate Programs. The committee decided to seek input from the full Council. Current policy statements:

Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment is when a student is admitted to and enrolled in two graduate programs at the same time. The University offers several formally approved [Graduate Dual Degree Programs](#) . Students wishing to concurrently enroll in two degree programs not formally approved as dual degree programs may do so with special permission of the graduate program and the dean of The Graduate School.

The list of official graduate dual degree programs:

- [Accountancy / Law, M.A.C.C. / J.D.](#)
- [Business Administration / English, M.S. / M.A.](#)
- [Criminology and Criminal Justice / Law, M.A. / J.D.](#)
- [Earth and Environmental Resource Management / Law, M.E.E.R.M. / J.D.](#)
- [Economics / Law, M.A. / J.D.](#)
- [English / Library and Information, M.A. / M.L.I.S.](#)
- [General Public Health / Medicine, M.P.H. / M.D.](#)
- [Health Services Policy and Management / Law, M.H.A. / J.D.](#)
- [Human Resources / Law M.H.R. / J.D.](#)
- [International Business / Law, I.M.B.A. / J.D.](#)
- [Nursing / Health Services Policy and Management, M.S.N. / M.P.H.](#)
- [Public Administration / Law, M.P.A. / J.D.](#)
- [Public Administration / Social Work, M.P.A. / M.S.W.](#)
- [Public History / Library and Information Science, M.A. / M.L.I.S.](#)
- [Social Work / Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, M.S.W. / M.P.H.](#)
- [Social Work / Health Service Policy and Management, M.S.W. / M.P.H.](#)
- [Social Work / Law, M.S.W. / J.D.](#)

Concurrent and Dual Enrollment Programs of Study

For dual degree and concurrent degree enrollment, students are required to submit an individual program of study for each degree program. With

approval of the program and the dean of The Graduate School, students concurrently enrolled may use no more than 9 credit hours that are common to all programs of study. Programs may permit fewer than 9 shared hours.

Following a lengthy discussion, the full Council referred the proposal back to the Policies and Practices Committee for additional revision.

7. **Other Committee Reports**

8. **Report of the Committee on 500/600 Level Courses, Distance Education, and Special Courses** (Nancy Zimmerman)

500-600 Level Courses:

The next meeting of the Committee on Curricula and Courses will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Special Topics Course Approvals:

May Session

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| ARTS 564M | EDET 780M | EDEX 691M |
| EDRD 730M | HRTM 590M | |

Summer I/II 2010

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| MUSC 774P | SLIS J797V | |
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Fall 2010

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| BMEN 589J | BMEN 589W | COMD J710D |
| CSCE 710D | ECHE 589J | ECIV 790B |
| EMCH 561B | EMCH 561N | ENGL 566P |
| ENGL 738B | ENGL 825I | ENGL 830K |
| EXSC 755B | FILM 510A | FILM 511G |
| FILM 566P | HIST 700G | HIST 700H |
| HIST 700T | MATH 778E | MUSC 775C |
| PSYC 598C | PSYC 841C (Section 1) | PSYC 841C (Section 2) |
| PSYC 888T | RELG 592B | RELG 594E |
| RELG 592I | RELG 594J | SLIS 797V |
| SOST 500B | TSTM 590Z | WGST 791I |
| WGST 796B | | |

TIP/DED Approvals:

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| MUED 795 | PHPH 705 |
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9. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Cheryl Addy)

- Dr. Addy advised the Council that the spring semester is a very busy semester for the Fellowships and Scholarships committee due to many upcoming deadlines which are outlined on The Graduate School website at <http://gradschool.sc.edu/support/>.
- Dr. Buggy thanked Dr. Addy and the Fellowships and Scholarships committee for their efforts and hard work.

10. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Murray Mitchell)

No report

11. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Mike Wyatt)

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Biomedical Sciences

New Course Proposal: **APPROVED**

[BMSC 707 Biochemistry for the Biomedical Sciences \(3\)](#)

This course will cover the structure and function of proteins, lipids and carbohydrates. Special emphasis will be on the mechanisms of enzyme catalysis and the influence of the cellular environment on catalysis. The role of specific enzymes such as kinases in signal transduction and metabolic control will be emphasized.

Enrollment Restrictions: Biomedical Certificate

[Effective: Fall 2010]

Biomedical Sciences

New Course Proposal: **APPROVED**

[BMSC 708 Human Cell and Molecular Biology for Biomedical Sciences \(3\) \[BMEN 713\]*](#)

Examination of the organization and function of the cell with emphasis on the biophysical and quantitative aspects of cellular function. Emphasis will be on the regulation of cell division, protein transcription and translation within the cell, cellular energetics, and intracellular networks

Enrollment Restrictions: Biomedical Certificate

****Related Cross-listing Change Approved per attached letter of concurrence:***

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Biomedical Engineering

Course Change Proposal:

[From: BMEN 713 Human Cell and Molecular Biology for Biomedical Engineers \(3\)](#)

Advanced examination of the organization and function of the cell with emphasis on the biophysical and quantitative aspects of cellular function. Emphasis will be on the biomedical engineering applications of regulation of cell division, protein transcription and translation within the cell, cellular energetics, and intracellular networks for cell signaling and cell function.

Prerequisites: CHEM 550, BIOL 302

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12. **Report of the Petitions and Appeals Committee** (Nic Ularu)
No Report
13. **Old Business**
14. **New Business**
15. **Good of the Order**
16. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Nancy Zimmerman, Secretary

cc:

President Harris Pastides

Provost Michael Amiridis

Vice President for Research and Graduate Education Stephen Kresovich

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