



The Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 24, 2014

The Graduate Council met on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Paul Solomon, Chair; Drs. Alexander Beecroft, Nancy Brown, Erik Drasgow, Minuette Floyd, Stacy Fritz, J. Daniel Jenkins, Julia Lopez-Robertson, DeAnne Messias, Elena Osokina, Terrance Weik, Brittany Walter (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Matt Brown, Wayne Carver, David Darmofal, Jerry Hilbish, Thomas Kramer, Caroline Nagel, Tracey Weldon-Stewart

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Jessica Elfenbein, Dr. Murray Mitchell, Dale Moore, and Teresa Smith

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

Guests: Amy Grant from the College of Pharmacy and Neset Hikmet from HRSM IIT

NOTE: *These minutes will become final on May 26, 2014, if not challenged.*

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Paul Solomon)

Dr. Solomon called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. **Approval of Minutes for the meeting on [February 24, 2014](#).**

The minutes were reviewed electronically and 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** (Paul Solomon)

No report.

4. **Report of the Dean of The Graduate School** (Jessica Elfenbein for Lacy Ford)

Graduate Student Day is April 11. The students who participate in the SPARC program will be presenting. All events will be held at the Russell House. Please contact Wright Culpepper at culpeppa@mailbox.sc.edu, if you would like to attend or assist at the event.

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

It is time to nominate new Graduate Council members. There are five openings available, and we strive for broad representation from all over campus. Nominees are required to be full graduate faculty, tenured or on a standard tenure track and only one member per department can be considered. If you know someone who is a good candidate, we would like to receive their nomination. If we are successful in recruiting five people, they can be appointed to the positions. However, if there are more than five people qualified and interested in the openings, there will be an election.

There is an internal search underway in the Office of the Provost for a new Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies. The hope is for the successful applicant to begin no later than May 1, 2014.

Dr. Fritz and the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee have created a draft for the procedures to appoint an associate member. It is anticipated that a formal proposal will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

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

Graduate Student Week is April 7 through April 11, 2014. Notification of the events of the week will be sent out via flyer, email and social media.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) will soon publish an on-going Google Calendar of events.

The GSA office is in the process of relocating from the Russell House to the Graduate School.

The GSA and the Graduate School are working together to sponsor more professional development events for Graduate Students.

Graduate Student Association elections will be held April 14 through April 18, 2014, and Brittany is running for GSA President.

7. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Stacy Fritz)

As mentioned by Dr. Mitchell, the Associate Membership information is anticipated to be presented to Council at the next meeting.

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

A listing of 500/600 Level Courses was presented to Council. The list was presented to the Council for informational purposes only.

[HPEB 513 Race, Ethnicity, and Health: Examining Health Inequalities \(3\)](#)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of race/ethnicity and health, comparison of health status and health outcomes of different racial/ethnic groups in the US, and possible explanations for inequalities from a behavioral science perspective.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

[HPEB J621 Maternal and Child Health \(3\)](#)

This course focuses on public health issues, social and behavioral science, policies, programs, and services related to maternal and child health in the United States and other countries.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

[Crosslisted with WGST 621]

[EDEX 582 Teaching Mathematics to Students at Risk \(3\)](#)

Designed for preservice teacher candidates preparing to teach students with disabilities and those struggling with mathematics in K-12 settings. Preservice teachers in this course will expand their knowledge of research, theory, assessment, and evidence-based instructional practices in mathematics.

[Effective: Fall 2014]

[Prerequisites: EDEX 523 or EDEX 491]

[EDEX 692 Partnerships in Early Childhood Special Education \(3\)](#)

Strategies for collaborating and communicating with families and other professionals as members of multidisciplinary teams in Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education.

[Effective: Fall 2014]

[Prerequisites: EDEX 523]

[GEOG 535 Hazards Analysis and Planning \(3\)](#)

Examination of the geo-spatial aspects of hazards analysis and planning with specific reference to disaster preparedness, recovery, mitigation, and resilience.

[Effective: Fall 2014]

[Prerequisites: GEOG 363 and GEOG 530 or equivalents; or permission from the instructor]

[PSYC 522 Psychology of Early and Middle Adulthood \(3\)](#)

The purpose of the course is to provide a survey of the physiological, social, and cognitive aspects of this segment of the lifespan. Special emphasis will be placed on the impact of the aforementioned domains as to how the individual adult views the world and is viewed by the world.

[PSYC 523 Psychology of Aging \(3\)](#)

The Psychology of Aging is designed to provide the student with the basic foundation regarding the biological, sociological, and psychological aspects of aging. The basic demographic patterns of the aging population, nationally and internationally, will be discussed along with societal perceptions and misperceptions of the older human adult.

9. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Wayne Carver)

Dr. Floyd reported for Dr. Carver. The committee is in the process of reviewing nominees for the Charles Coker and the Rhude Patterson awards. The recommendations are due March 26, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

Presidential Fellow selections have been made. Offers were extended to 38 students. The response deadline is April 15, 2014. The College of Education and Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management have Presidential Fellows for the first time.

10. **Report of the Science, Math, and Related Professional Program Committee** (DeAnne Messias)

Department of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management

Academic Program Actions/Bulletin Change

APPROVED

[Dual Degree Program PharmD/Masters in Health Information Technology \(36\)](#)

At the center of every healthcare system is patient safety. Community healthcare professionals are constantly collaborating to improve patient outcomes and decrease errors. Currently, the implementation of new technologies is a target of both healthcare systems and government initiatives in order to decrease medication errors in the field.

[Effective Fall 2014]

Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior

[HPEB J702 Planning Health Promotion Programs \(3\)](#)

Course focuses on health promotion planning frameworks; issues in planning, implementing, and evaluating health promotion programs in a variety of settings.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

[HPEB J707 Health Promotion Research Methods \(3\)](#)

Course focuses on research methods applicable to the study of individual and group health behavior and interfaces behavioral theory, research design and method and data analysis/interpretation.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

[HPEB J710 Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs \(3\)](#)

Course focuses on planning and implementation of health education program evaluations. An emphasis is placed on political, practical, and theoretical aspects of evaluation.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

[HPEB J711 Applied Health Communication \(3\)](#)

Course focuses on application of communication, media, and health behavior theory to the development of health communication messages and campaigns.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

[HPEB J748 Community Health Development \(3\)](#)

Course focuses on organizational development, policy, influence, capacity building, empowerment, community diagnosis and coalition development for enhancing health.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

[Prerequisites: None]

11. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (J. Daniel Jenkins)

College of Arts and Sciences

Academic Program Actions/Bulletin Change

APPROVED

[Unit name change from Department of Art to the School of Visual Art and Design](#)

A detailed formal proposal, including a strong endorsement of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been sent to the Provost's Office for action at the Provost, President, and Board of Trustees levels of the University.

[Effective Fall 2014]

College of Education

Academic Program Actions/Bulletin Change

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[Master of Science in Advanced Athletic Training \(36\)](#)

The Master of Science in Advanced Athletic Training will replace the Master of Science in Physical Education with an emphasis in Athletic Training. We are requesting a bulletin change to reflect the new degree in Master of Science in Advanced Athletic Training, which will ultimately be required by the Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The curriculum for the MS in Advanced Athletic Training will be the same as our current Master of Science in Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training. Once the new degree program is in place, the Master of Science in Physical Education will be phased out.

[Effective Fall 2014]

New Course Proposal

APPROVED

[EDTE 841 Genre Study: Academic Writing in Education \(3\)](#)

An overview of academic writing in Education as a genre. Emphasis on defining and critiquing the genre, and producing papers, articles, proposals and/or dissertations.

[Effective Summer I 2014]

[Prerequisite: Admission to a doctoral program in education or by permission of instructor]

Dr. Nancy Brown expressed concern that this doctoral level course has content that a student should have learned during matriculation up to the doctoral level. She questioned whether the content for this course was extracted from previous educational writing courses and if any courses were being eliminated. Representatives from the Department of Education responded that no course content had been extracted to create this course and that no courses would be eliminated.

Dr. Jenkins read the proposal justification, "Beginning doctoral students often have little experience with the genre of academic writing-either as readers or as writers. As such, they are not prepared to take a critical stance towards published writing or to produce their own. This course is intended to meet this need and also provide advanced doctoral students with mentoring as they write proposals, dissertations and articles."

With no additional questions or comments from Council members, the proposal was approved.

13. Other Committee Reports

No report

14. Old Business

Dr. Elfenbein reminded members to notify The Graduate School by April 1 of any students who have secured tenure track positions. This includes students who are graduating from August 2013 through August 2014. Provost Amiridis is holding a celebration in their honor on April 29, 2014, and The Graduate School would like to make sure that these students and their advisors are properly invited.

Brittany Walter mentioned that the GSA has funding available for graduate students for various reasons. The students should contact the treasurer of the GSA for more information. She asked Council Members to disseminate this information to graduate students.

15. New Business

No report

16. Good of the Order

Dr. Nancy Brown mentioned how much she appreciated the increase in the level of growth and activity of the GSA.

The next meeting will be April 28, 2014.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

cc:

President Harris Pastides

Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies Lacy Ford

Provost Michael Amiridis

Deans

Department Chairs

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Hannah Spicher, The Graduate School

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