



The Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Graduate Council Minutes March 28, 2016

The Graduate Council met on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Julia Lopez-Robertson, Chair; Drs. Drucilla Barker, Jerry Hilbish, David Tedeschi, Bobby Brame, Jr., Matt Brown, Dirk den Ouden, Caryn Outten, Heather Brandt, and Scott White

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Jennifer Arns, Nancy Brown, Swann Adams, Kay Edwards, Christian Jensen, Lorne Hofseth, and Susan Yeargin

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Murray Mitchell, Dale Moore, and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

Guests: Drs. Hiram McDade and Mila Tasseva-Kurktchiev

NOTE: *These minutes will become final on April 25, 2016 if not challenged.*

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Julia Lopez-Robertson, Chair)

Dr. Lopez-Robertson called the meeting to order at 2:04 P.M. and received Council approval of the agenda.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of [February 22, 2016](http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp).** 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** (Julia Lopez-Robertson)

Dr. Lopez-Robertson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. **Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies** (Lacy Ford)

Dr. Murray Mitchell reported for Dr. Ford with an executive summary of the major points from the visiting deans, as provided to Drs. Ford and Elfenbein. The final formal report is due by April 15, 2016. Discussion followed.

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

Dr. Mitchell shared a recent memo intended to clarify and reconcile practice with existing policy. In particular, attention was drawn to an interpretation of courses that are or are not eligible for transfer. Students earning a master's degree may enter a doctoral program as a post-master's student, earning a unique minimum of 30 additional hours; individual courses already used in the master's degree may not be used as a part of the required courses in support of the doctoral degree. Following discussion, general consensus was reached with the allowance for individual case-by-case consideration to exceptions to the interpretation of this existing policy.

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

Graduate Student Week is next week. The following is the link to the Graduate Student Association's newsletter that includes all of the activities scheduled for next week:

https://www.sa.sc.edu/sg/files/2016/03/GSA.March2016.Newsletter.USC_.pdf

7. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Matt Brown)

Dr. Matt Brown reported that there was nothing to report.

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

A listing of 500/600 Level Courses is presented to Council for informational purposes only.

500/600 Level Courses

- **ANTH 546** (3) Forensic Archaeological Recovery. NCP: Fall 2016
- **MATH 548** (3) Geometry, Algebra, and Algorithms. NCP: Fall 2016
- **EDEL 591** (3) Seminar on Teaching. CCP: Fall 2017

Distance Education Delivery

- **COMD 710** (1) Reading and Writing in the Content Areas: Module 1. Summer 2016
- **HPEB 502** (3) Applied Aspects of Human Nutrition. Summer 2016

Special Topics Courses

- **EDHE 832** (3) Curriculum in Higher Education (Spring 2016)
<http://gradschool.sc.edu/facstaff/gradcouncil/2015/EDHE 832.pdf>
- **PSYC 888** (1) Research in Experimental Psychology (Fall 2016)
<http://gradschool.sc.edu/facstaff/gradcouncil/2015/PSYC 888.pdf>
- **COMD 710** (1) Reading and Writing in the Content Areas: Module 1 Summer 2016

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

None

10. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Heather Brandt)**

Dr. Heather Brandt gave the following update from her committee:

Presidential Fellows:

99 total applications

- 13 have accepted the award
- 12 have refused the award
- 17 have been approved but have not responded either way

We have also prioritized a wait list based on responses to ensure 30 Presidential Fellows beginning in fall 2016.

Other:

71 total applications

- 17 Trustee Recruiting Fellowships (6 total: 4 Cecil Scott and 2 Rhude Patterson) **RANK TOP 10**
- 10 Dean's Award for Excellence in Leadership (2) **RANK TOP 5**
- 1 Outstanding Thesis Award **RANK TOP 3**
- 29 Trustee Fellowships (7 total: 1 George Reeves, 1 Dera Parkinson, 1 C.C. Royal, 2 Charles Coker, and 2 Rhude Patterson) **RANK TOP 10**
- 14 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards (2) **RANK TOP 5**

11. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (David Tedeschi)**

Dr. David Tedeschi reported that the Committee received two proposals that were reviewed and returned for revisions.

12. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Drucilla Barker)**

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/gradagenda/?id=13>

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.”

- **EDLP Major/Degree Program, M.Ed in Higher Education and Student Affairs, Education.** Program Change: Fall 2017
- **LING 701** (3) Quantitative Approaches to Linguistic Analysis. NCP: Fall 2016
- **LING 712** (3) Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics. NCP: Fall 2016
- **PSYC 782** (3) Child/Family Therapy Practicum. CCP: Fall 2017
- **PSYC 830** (3) Advanced Child, Adolescent and Family Therapy Practicum. CCP: Fall 2016
- **PSYC 837** (3) Autism Theory and Diagnostics. NCP: Fall 2017
- **RETL 740** (3) Omni-Channel Workforce Management. NCP: Spring 2017
- **SOWK Academic Certificate, Graduate Certificate in Drug and Addiction Studies.** Program Change: Fall 2017
- **ZZED Major / Degree Program, Curriculum and Instruction, Ed.D.** Program Change: Fall 2017

All proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

13. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Nancy Brown)

None reported.

14. Other Committee Reports

15. Old Business

16. New Business

17. Good of the Order

Dr. Mitchell requested input regarding how to continue the move of having the Graduate Council consider substantive issues, rather than only endorsing the work of various committees.

Dr. Barker suggested the possibility of soliciting input from Council members in advance of meetings. Further, she suggested that she would like to hear more about SAEL fellowships (Social Advocacy and Ethical Life), originally sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Brandt suggested that additional insights into Health Insurance status and updates would be helpful. She also recommended that we spend time reviewing the report from the visiting

external deans and discuss how the Graduate Council can connect to the recommendations and identify action steps.

Dr. White suggested that attention to funding would be of interest, and possibly a representative from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment to speak with us about what kinds of data are available, what future plans look like and how that office and this Council might interact.

Brittany Walter suggested that she had reported previously on a Health Insurance Study, and would be able to share those findings with this group.

Dr. Mitchell agreed to forward a request for topics of interest to Graduate Council Members.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.