



# The Graduate School

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### GRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes

May 14, 2018

The Graduate Council met on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. in Room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Dirk den Ouden, Chair; Drs. Swann Adams, Drucilla Barker, Bobby Brame, Jr., Cathy Brant, Maks Chruszcz, Rick Creswick, Maryah Fram, Douglas Pittman, Kellee White, Scott White, and Matthew Owens, GSA Representative

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Matt Childs, Jean Ellis, Konstantin Pollok, Tom Regan, Sirivatch Shimpalee, and Collin Webster

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

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Tena Crews

Guests: Dr. Rachel Davis (HPEB), Dr. Delores Pluto (Public Health), Dr. Lee Pearson (Public Health), Dr. Robert Moran (Public Health), Dr. Anwar Merchant (Public Health), (Dr. Matthew Boylan (Mathematics), Dr. Joanna Casey (Anthropology), Dr. Suzanne Adlof (Communications, Sciences and Disorders), and Andy Graves (Office of the Registrar)

**NOTE: These minutes will become final on August 27, 2018 if not challenged.**

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Dirk den Ouden, Chair)  
The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. and the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from April 23, 2018.** 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>
- 3. Report of the Chair** (Dirk den Ouden)  
Dr. den Ouden stated that he has enjoyed his year as chair and wishes the best for the Graduate Council.
- 4. Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)  
Dr. Addy thanked the members of the Graduate Council and its' committees for their service during this academic year and offered an additional thanks to those who completed their current terms. She informed them that they were welcomed to continue as a committee member or to seek election to a new term next year.

The Graduate School staff is now settled in and fully operational. If you experienced any delays in response during the recent move to Close-Hipp in the last few weeks, thank you for your patience.

The official commencement ceremonies last weekend were such happy times for our newest graduates and their friends and families, but also just as happy and proud moments for our faculty who have taught, advised, supervised, and supported these students through their programs and research. In addition to the record numbers of graduates and the big baccalaureate and masters ceremonies, we had over 140 doctoral graduates march Saturday afternoon. This is a record sized group by a fairly large margin. She publicly thanked the Graduate School staff for their hard work to have the ceremony run so efficiently.

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

Dr. Mitchell acknowledged that there were some departing Graduate Council members to whom we wish to extend our appreciation and to share a small token of thanks:

**Finishing terms:**

1. Swann Adams (Nursing)
2. Drue Barker (Anthropology)
3. Matt Childs (History)
4. Dirk den Ouden (Communication Sciences and Disorders)
5. Matthew Owens (Graduate Student Association Representative)
6. Douglas Pittman (SC College of Pharmacy)
7. Kellee White (Epidemiology)
8. Scott White (Earth and Ocean Sciences).

And, due to another appointment, unable to finish his term:

1. Collin Webster (Physical Education).

The following nominees required a vote of endorsement from the existing Council:

**Nominees for new terms:** (terms end 2021)

1. Suzanne Adlof (Communication Sciences and Disorders)
2. Nate Bell (Nursing)
3. Ron Benner (Earth and Ocean Sciences)
4. Joanna Casey (Anthropology)
5. Hippokratis Kiaris (SC College of Pharmacy)
6. Jim Mensch (Exercise Science)
7. Clint Saidy (Graduate Student Association Representative)
8. TBA

**Nominee to finish partial term** (term ends 2019)

1. Matt Boylan (Math)

**Nominee to serve as Vice Chair for 2018-2019, then, Chair for 2019-2020:**

Tom Regan (Sport and Entertainment Management)

**These nominations received unanimous support by the Graduate Council.**

**6. Report on Professional Development (Heather Brandt)**

Dr. Brandt updated the Council on the following:

Presidential Fellows numbers: They have six candidates who have accepted the offer to join their degree program and the Presidential Fellowship. They have identified two additional candidates who had accepted offers that were highly rated which will bring them up to eight.

Bridge Humanities Corp decisions were made and sent out on May 4th. They have accepted eight candidates who have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to accept the offer. Six of the eight have accepted already. There are 5 candidates on the waiting list. They had 30 applicants for the eight slots. Some of those 30 received Bilinski Fellowships through the College of Arts and Sciences. Once they elect to receive the Bilinski Fellowships, they are removed from consideration for the Bridge Humanities Corp. A lot of the top-rated applicants get Bilinski Fellowships. Of the 30 who applied, close to half received some type of fellowship offer.

The thirteen Graduate Civic Scholars began Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and are being directed by Lucy Ingram (HPEB) and Allison Marsh (History).

Professional Development programming for the Spring semester ended up with 23 programs being offered to graduate students that were delivered by a variety of formats. They had good participation and so far, the preliminary evaluation results were positive and indicate that the students like what is being offered to them when they participate. They hope to reach a wider audience in the upcoming academic year.

The CGS PhD Career Pathways Project is underway. They will start preparing data for the Fall alumni survey. They are still discussing how to best handle the data received for the Spring survey since the response rate was only that of 25% of our current doctoral students across those degree programs. She will give a more substantial update in the fall.

**7. Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative (Matthew Owens)**

Mr. Owens expressed his gratitude to the Graduate Council for allowing him to serve on the council. He is hopeful that the work GSA is doing will continue to go on. He is now a graduate.

**8. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Maryah Fram)**

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 Level Courses**

**ANTH 518** (3) Visual Cultures (Course Change Proposal: Fall 2019)  
**ITEC 584** (3) Hospitality and Tourism Technology (Delete Course; Fall 2019)  
**ELCT 533** (3) System Health Management (New Course Proposal: Fall 2018)  
**EMCH 550** (3) Introduction to Nuclear Safeguards (New Course Proposal: Fall 2018)

### **Distributed Learning Proposals**

**EDEX 643** (3) Social/Emotional Development and Guidance for Young Children with Developmental Delays (New Course Proposal: Spring 2018).

### **Special Topics Courses**

**BADM 790** (3) Recruitment (Fall 2018)  
**BADM 790** (3) Strategic Deal-making (Summer 2018)  
**EDFI 845** (3) Qualitative Case Study (Fall 2018)  
**EDUC 632** (1 or 3) Essential Topics in Applied Behavior Analysis (Summer 2018)  
**ENHS 793** (3) Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (Fall 2018)  
**EXSC 555** (3) Principles of Neurorehabilitation (Fall 2018)  
**SOWK 768** (3) Professional Development-Bridge

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

Name: **Steven D. Smith** (PhD)  
Program: Anthropology  
Term: Spring 2018 – Spring 2024

***This nomination received unanimous support by the Graduate Council.***

#### **11. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Scott White)**

No report.

#### **12. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Rick Creswick)**

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/agenda/?id=48&code=GCO>

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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.”

- **BIOS 770** (3) Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2019
- **BIOS 780** (3) Introduction to Quantile Regression, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2019
- **BIOS 808** (3) Environmetrics, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2019
- **BIOS 815** (3) Generalized Linear Models, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2019
- **NURS 734** (3) Conceptual Basis of Health Systems, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2019
- **PUBH 725** (5) Quantitative Methods for Public Health Practice; Public Health, NCP: Fall 2018
- **PUBH 726** (3) Quantitative Methods for Public Health Practice; Public Health, NCP: Fall 2018
- **PUBH 730** (3) Public Health Systems, Policy, and Leadership, Public Health, NCP: Fall 2018
- **PUBH 735** (4) Practical Applications of Public Health Planning, Public Health, NCP: Fall 2018

***These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.***

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

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- **EDEL 701** (3) Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for the Elementary Classrooms, Education, NCP: Summer 2018
- **MGSC 792** (3) Advanced Statistics for Business and Economics, Business, CCP: Fall 2019
- **PSYC 716** (3) Selected Topics in Psychoeducational Evaluation, Arts and Sciences, CCP: Fall 2019
- **SOWK 701** (3) Professional Development Bridge, Social Work, NCP: Summer 2018

***These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.***

**14. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Swann Adams)  
No report.

**15. Other Committee Reports**  
None

## 16. Old Business

- We are continuing to work on the language regarding credits that may be used on multiple programs of study.
- April Scott shared the objective of the Mental Health Liaison training as designed to equip faculty and staff with information and resources to help them identify students in distress and communicate effectively with those students. Additionally, one of the goals of this training is to increase awareness of mental health resources on campus so that faculty and staff feel comfortable making the appropriate referral for a student who is in need of help. The training lasts 1.5 to 2 hours. So far, 5 members have expressed interest in participating in this training. Toby Lovell will be handling the training and we have asked for those who are interested to contact Dr. Mitchell so that we can set up a session before Toby leaves campus for the summer.

Matt Owens asked if this training would be appropriate for GSA members who are often first points of contact for graduate students seeking assistance.

Dr. Addy indicated that we would look into this and get back to him ASAP with a response to the appropriateness of having graduate students and faculty/staff in the same training session, but that this seemed like an excellent idea.

## 17. New Business

None

## 18. Good of the Order

None

## 19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

**Murray Mitchell, Secretary**

CC:

Harris Pastides, President

Joan Gabel, 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

Andrew Graves, Office of the Registrar

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