



The Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 23, 2013

The Graduate Council met on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Paul Solomon, Chair; Drs. Alexander Beecroft, Matt Brown, Nancy Brown, Wayne Carver, Erik Drasgow, Stacy Fritz, J. Daniel Jenkins, Thomas Kramer, Julia Lopez-Robertson, DeAnne Messias, Elena Osokina, Tracey Weldon-Stewart, Brittany Walter (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. David Darmofal, Minuette Floyd, Jerry Hilbish, Michael Hodgson, Terrance Weik

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

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Kristia Finnigan

Guests: Jeremy Searson and Mindy Fenske

NOTE: *These minutes will become final on October 28, 2013, 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** ([May 20, 2013](#)) ([June 24, 2013](#)) ([August 26, 2013](#)).

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 reported for Lacy Ford)

Dr. Elfenbein announced that the Fall Graduate Directors meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 30 from 12:30-2:30pm in the Russell House Theatre. The meeting will include content coverage that is mandatory for all Graduate Directors.

Due to an agreement between the University of South Carolina and the Department of Justice, mandatory attendance at a session is required to discuss confidentiality in the handling of student records. Please spread the word to your graduate directors. If this meeting time is inconvenient, there will be additional training dates available through CTE. However the training is mandatory for all faculty and graduate directors.

The mandatory order was issued and will be enforced by Christine Curtis in the Provosts office. She can answer any questions.

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

Dr. Mitchell reported that there are ongoing issues with the graduate bulletin revision process. Staff working on the bulletin is experiencing technical issues with new software. Therefore, upgrading the manual is still ongoing at this time. Patience is appreciated.

The Graduate Council Manual is updated and available on the Graduate School's website. The Manual is about the operation of the Graduate Council. The operating directions may be revised further as it relates to the Grievance, Appeals and Petitions committee. A format must still be developed for students who want to file a grievance, petition or appeal. This will produce a more structured format to assist students in presenting their issue.

The Graduate Director Manual is also being revised due to the transition from IMS to Banner. Currently, we are looking over the information in the manual to see if websites and web links are still valid.

The Graduate School has updated the forms in the Forms Library on the Graduate School's website. We have removed all references to social security numbers on specific forms. We have replaced the number with the USC ID. If you have a lot of hard-copy forms in your office, please use the updated forms from the Graduate School's website.

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

Brittany Walter introduced herself to Council as the GSA Representative. She announced that the first GSA Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26.

Dr. Elfenbein added that the Graduate School, the GSA and the CTE are co-sponsoring a Financial Literacy program for graduate students on campus. We are working with AAUW on a program called start smart. We have trained facilitators across campus to teach training focused on how to negotiate first salaries and budgeting. The Graduate School is very excited to be working with the GSA on this effort.

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

Dr. Mitchell mentioned that there will soon be issues for academic policy committee to address in the upcoming weeks. These issues include approval of an associate status for graduate faculty members intended to allow fulltime research faculty to serve on graduate committees and to chair thesis and dissertation committees. This measure has been approved in principle. It will still need to be approved by the President and/or the Provost and the Board of Trustees. Once approved there, it will come to the Academic Policy and Practices committee to formulate the procedure for implementation of associate status within departments.

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. No action was required on these courses. The listing was presented to the Council for informational purposes only.

New Course Proposal

[BIOL 612 Virology – Classical and Emerging Concepts](#) (3)

New Course Proposals

[IBUS 541 Business in Latin America](#) (3)

[IBUS 542 Business in Asia](#) (3)

[IBUS 543 Business in Europe](#) (3)

[IBUS 544 Business in Africa](#) (3)

New Course Proposals and Distance Education Delivery

[ENVR 531 Sustainability Management and Leadership Strategy](#) (3-4)

[Effective: Spring 2014]

Course Change Proposals

[BIOL 612 Virology – Classical and Emerging Concepts](#) (3)

9. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Wayne Carver)

No report

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

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Civil and Environmental Engineering

New Course Proposal

APPROVED

[ECIV 707 Management of Engineering Projects](#) (3)

The course Management of Engineering Projects focuses on using a system engineering approach for project. Management Practical assignments are combined with accepted standards for managing and leading engineering projects. This includes topics such as risk, time, and resources management of engineering projects among other subjects.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

New Course Proposal

APPROVED

[ECIV 708 Engineering Risk and Reliability](#) (3)

The course covers the analysis of risk in engineering design. Risk analysis is presented in the context of reliability in engineering design including applications to mechanical and electrical systems. Concepts of failure modes are discussed. The effect of maintenance on reliability is presented along with discussions of life cycle costs.

[Effective: Spring 2014]

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Nursing

Bulletin Change

APPROVED

[MSN, Post Master's Certificate and DNP – AGACNP](#)

From: Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

To: Adult Gerontology Acute Care Practitioner (AGACNP)

The emphasis areas name changes conform to the accrediting bodies and national certification changes in names for the specialty area of advanced practice nursing. The name changes must be present on the transcript to allow students to sit for the national certification exams.

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Bulletin Change

APPROVED

[MSN, Post Master's Certificate and DNP - FNP](#)

From: Primary Care Practitioner

To: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

The emphasis areas name changes conform to the accrediting bodies and national certification changes in names for the specialty area of advanced practice nursing. The name changes must be present on the transcript to allow students to sit for the national certification exams.

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Bulletin Change

APPROVED

[NPSY 758 Certificate of Graduate Studies in Psychiatric Rehabilitation](#) (3)

From: DSM-IV

To: DSM-V

Classification of mental disorders using the DSM-V, standard reference of the American Psychiatric Association, and the interpretation of formalized evaluations and appraisal techniques in achieving differential diagnoses.

[Prerequisite: NPSY 757]

[Effective: Fall 2014]

New Course Proposal

APPROVED

[ENHS 797 Global Environmental Health and Food Security](#) (3)

Global environmental health with a focus on food security in developing national, including crop responses to warming, soil changes, more variable precipitation inputs and expanding geographical range of pests.

[Prerequisite: ENHS 797]

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Statistics

Academic Program Actions

APPROVED

[Statistics, Master of Science \(35\)](#)

Academic Program Actions

APPROVED

[Statistics, Doctor of Philosophy](#) (65)

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Education

Academic Program Actions, EDST **APPROVED**
[Program Name/Curriculum Change](#)
Educational Research

New Course Proposal **APPROVED**
[EDPY 704 The Field of Educational Psychology](#) (3)

Course Change Proposals **APPROVED**
[EDPY 706 Human Development and Learning Situations](#) (3)
[EDPY 741 Cognition: Basic Processes](#) (3)
Pre/Co-req: EDPY 706
[EDPY 751 Psychological Analysis of Instruction I](#) (3)
[EDPY 752 Psychological Analysis of Instruction II](#) (3)
Pre/Co-req: EDPY 751
[EDRM 789 Principles and Applications of Structural Equation Modeling](#) (3)
Pre/Co-req: EDRM 711 or equivalent

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of English Language and Literature - Speech

Course Change Proposals

APPROVED

[SPCH 700 Issues and Methods in Speech Communication Research](#) (3)

[SPCH 701 Teaching Speech Communication](#) (3)

[SPCH 702 Directing Debate and Forensics](#) (3)

[SPCH 712 Studies in the Rhetoric of Science and Technology](#) (3)

[SPCH 736 Critical Theory and Rhetoric](#) (3)

[SPCH 741 Rhetorical Criticism](#) (3)

Pre-req: Permission of Graduate Director for non-degree students

[SPCH 744 Studies in Public Address](#) (3)

[SPCH 746 Studies in the Rhetoric of Movements](#) (3)

[SPCH 747 Rhetorical Power, Institutional Discourse and Recognition](#) (3)

[SPCH 749 Performance Studies in Communication](#) (3)

[SPCH 751 Performance Criticism](#) (3)

[SPCH 755 Theories of Performance, Representation and Advocacy](#) (3)

[SPCH 760 Advanced Studies in Argumentation and Debates](#) (3)

[SPCH 761 Ethics and Politics of Rhetoric](#) (3)

[SPCH 764 Rhetoric, Violence, and the Discourse of Human Rights](#) (3)

[SPCH 790 Topics in Speech Communication](#) (3)

[SPCH 792 Classical Rhetoric, cross-listed with ENGL 792](#) (3)

Pre-req: Permission of Graduate Director for non-degree students

[SPCH 793 Rhetorical Theory and Practice, Medieval to Modern](#), cross-listed
with ENGL 793 (3)

[SPCH 794 Modern Rhetorical Theory](#), cross-listed with ENGL 794 (3)

[SPCH 799 Thesis Preparation](#) (1-9)

[Effective: Fall 2014]

[SPCH 796 Special Projects](#) (1-3) (Awaiting syllabi)

TABLED

[SPCH 797 Special Projects](#) (1-3) (Awaiting syllabi)

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[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Physical Education and Athletic Training

Academic Program Actions/Bulletin Change

APPROVED

[MS in Physical Education](#)

To add new courses to curriculum

Course Change Proposals

APPROVED

[PEDU 734 Advanced Assessment and Management of Athletic Injuries](#) (3)

[PEDU 735 Contemporary Issues in Athletic Training](#) (3)

[PEDU 736 Advanced Treatment and Rehabilitation of Athletic injuries](#) (3)

[PEDU 737 Current Research in Athletic Training Education](#) (3)

[PEDU 770 Research Methods in Physical Education](#) (3)

[PEDU 798 Project in Physical Education](#) (3)

[PEDU 799 Thesis Preparation](#) (1-9)

[Effective: Fall 2014]

New Course Proposals

APPROVED

[ATEP 733 Evidence-Based Practice in Medical Emergencies \(3\)](#)

Examination of common injuries and illnesses that lead to medical emergencies (e.g., sudden death) in sport and physical activity. Critical analysis of research to determine prevention and treatment strategies.

[ATEP 738 Advanced Athletic Training Practicum I \(1-3\)](#)

APPROVED

Provides advanced practical experience and the integration of evidence-based practice in sports medicine settings. Course content will focus on graduate research project and topics related to athletic training education.

[ATEP 739 Advanced Clinical Practicum in Athletic Training II \(1-3\)](#)

APPROVED

Provides advanced practical experience and the integration of evidence-based practice in the sports medicine settings. Course content will focus on graduate research project and topics related to athletic training administration and management.

[ATEP 740 Evidence-Based Practice in Weight Management Assessment \(3\)](#) **APPROVED**

Critical analysis of the current literature on weight control and health, metabolism, energy balance, and role of diet and exercise in prevention and/or treatment in weight management in the physically active population.

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Instruction and Teacher Education

Academic Program Actions/Bulletin Change **APPROVED**
[Master's in Secondary Education, M.T.](#)

Course Change Proposals **APPROVED**

[EDSE 775B Teaching Internship in High School History and Social Studies](#) (9)

Pre-req: EDSE 775A, Co-req: EDSE 784

[EDSE 776B Teaching Internship in High School English](#) (9)

Pre-req: EDSE 776A, Co-req: EDSE 784

[EDSE 778B Teaching Internship in High School Math](#) (9)

Pre-req: EDSE 778A, Co-req: EDSE 784

[EDSE 781B Teaching Internship in High School Science](#) (9)

Pre-req: EDSE 781A, Co-req: EDSE 784

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Educational Leadership and Policies

Academic Program Actions **APPROVED**

[Termination of an Area of Emphasis: Organization, Leadership, and Change](#)

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Linguistics

Course Change Proposal **APPROVED**

[LING 797 Technology in Foreign Language Education](#) (3)

Cross-listed with FORL 772

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Sociology

Academic Program Actions/Bulletin Change **APPROVED**

[MA in Sociology](#) (30)

[PhD in Sociology](#) (66) **TABLED**

[Effective: Fall 2014]

School of Music

Academic Program Actions **APPROVED**

[Master of Music in Violin Pedagogy](#) (32)

[Effective: Fall 2014]

Department of Psychology

Course Change Proposals (Awaiting Syllabi) **TABLED**

[PSYC 827 Applied Individual and Couples Psychotherapy](#) (3)

Pre-req: PSYC 725 and consent of instructor

Course Change Proposals (Awaiting Syllabi)
[PSYC 835 Advanced Psychotherapy Practicum](#) (1-3)
Pre-req: PSYC 827 or 830 and consent of instructor

APPROVED

[Effective: Fall 2014]

School of Journalism and Mass Communications

New Course Proposals
[JOUR 747 Independent Study in Journalism and Mass Communications](#) (3)

APPROVED

New Course Proposals (Awaiting Syllabi)
[JOUR 789 Selected Readings and Research](#) (3)

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12. Report of the Petitions and Appeals Committee (Erik Drasgow)

No report

13. Other Committee Reports

No report

14. Old Business

No report

15. New Business

No report

16. Good of the Order

No report

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

cc:
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Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies Lacy Ford
Provost Michael Amiridis
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