



**Graduate Council Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via WebEx
Minutes**

- Present: Dean Baker, Sallie Coke, Carrie Cook, Shannon Gardner, Dianne Gregg, Lynn Hanson, Chris Lowery, Kate Marshall, Al Mead, Sherri Noviello, Joe Peters, Holley Roberts, Dee Sams, Mary Spears, Parris Story and Stephen Wills. Guest: Cara Smith
- Regrets: Brandy Kennedy
- Approval of Agenda-unanimous approval
- Approval of August 28, 2020 Minutes -unanimous approval
- Approval of amended April 10, 2020 Minutes -unanimous approval
- Goals of The Graduate School for this year
 - Dr. Holley Roberts shared the goals of The Graduate School:
 - Goal 1: Student Success
 - Goal 2: Cultivate an engaged graduate community
 - Goal 3: Recruitment
 - The goals are listed on the last page of the minutes
- Review of Graduate Council By-laws
 - Article 1 – Vision: To be reviewed upon completion of the University’s strategic plan. Dr. Roberts will help with this.
 - Article IV – Membership, Quorum: A., d: The word SGA will remain until a Graduate Student Council is established
 - Article IV: B- Editorial edit: Comma removed and the word “and” added
 - Article IV:D-The word SGA will remain until a Graduate Student Council is established
 - Article IV: H-remove color and underline from the word “voting”
 - Article VII: A-add the phrase “/school directors” after department chairs to read department chairs/school directors
 - Update section: Remove color and underline (hyperlinks) from the information of April 12, 2019 and April 18, 2019
 - The proposed changes to the Bylaws as listed above were unanimously approved by Graduate Council
- Graduate courses, informational item:
 - ENGL 5900 (new course): Proposed to substitute old practice of using ENGL 5950 - Special Topics to provide the preparation course for graduate students to teach English composition; since it is continuously used a new course was created rather than continuing to offer it as a special topics course.
 - ENGL 6112 (modified): Incorporate pedagogical preparation along with the theory part of the course; increased course to four credit hours to reflect the workload of the additional topic imbedded into the course.

- CoAS
 - Four new graduate faculty members approved (two in World Languages and two in Music)
 - National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) reaccreditation for the Department of Music will be coming up with a visit scheduled in late January/early February. Reaccreditation will begin in 2021/2022.
- CoB
 - Three new graduate certificates with a Fall 2021 target start date are going through the college-level approval process and will be presented to the council soon
 - New courses that are part of the certificates will also be presented as information items
 - Announced that Dr. Tanya Goette has been named Interim Associate Dean of the College of Business beginning January 2021.
- CoEd
 - Working on processing graduate faculty status for new faculty and some graduate faculty renewals
 - Working on a dyslexia endorsement
 - Graduate enrollment is up for Fall 2020
- CoHS
 - Submitted several new applications and renewals for graduate faculty status
 - The School of Nursing had a very successful accreditation visit by CCNE with no compliance concerns
- Graduate Admissions
 - Held an information session attended by 14 participants with areas of interest in COB, COE, and Athletic Training. Five application fee waivers were given out. Graduate Admissions has a goal to hold three information sessions per semester.
- Other
 - The Graduate School is looking into a new CRM to replace Radius and is in discussions with Slate, which is currently being used by undergraduate admissions.
 - A new billboard promoting all of The Graduate School is forthcoming and social media advertising of specific programs is ongoing
 - The Graduate School has new social media accounts (FB and Twitter) coming soon

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Hanson

Future Meetings:

November 06, 2020

January 15, 2021

February 19, 2021

April 02, 2021

The Graduate School

Student Success

- Coordinate with academic deans, graduate coordinators, chairs, faculty and administration to examine growth potential and capacity related to professional career trends and alignment with program and certificate offerings and potential offerings of The Graduate School.
- Improve the efficiency of the admissions process from application to enrollment.
- Provide support to students as they navigate the graduate experience from admissions to graduation.
- Encourage research experiences through providing Graduate Research Grants for student travel to conferences.

Cultivate an engaged graduate community

- Develop a coordinated communications strategy that builds the exposure and identity of The Graduate School.
- In collaboration with the Office of Inclusive Excellence, establish a Graduate Student Council to provide support to all graduate students, with an emphasis on students' voices who are traditionally underrepresented.
- Establish a social media presence for communicating with current, new, and prospective students.
- Create online networking experiences for graduate students.

Recruitment

- Utilize University Communications to provide targeted recruitment strategies for The Graduate School and across specific graduate programs.
- Create and implement recruitment experiences targeting current Georgia College undergraduate students.
- Host virtual graduate admissions recruitment events where prospective students can learn more about the graduate admission process and programs offered.
- Grow a more diverse student population: create, build, and support networks with Georgia College and Georgia's historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to meet the needs associated with graduate and professional education.