



Graduate Council Meeting

Friday, August 26, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Library 241

In attendance: Nicole DeClouette, Josie Doss, Holley Roberts, Al Mead, Scott Cox, Kim Muschaweck, Diane Gregg, Sarah Myers, Parris Story, Winston Tripp, Katie Simon

Regrets: Tonya Goette, Krystal Canady, Cassie Napier

Guests: Kay Anderson, Cara Smith

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2022. Winston moved to approved the minutes as circulated. Holley seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda. Al moved to approve the agenda as circulated. Diane seconded the motion. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Action Items:
 - Elect Secretary – Nicole DeClouette was elected as secretary.
 - Elect Chair – Al Mead was elected as chair.
 - Identify a Graduate Student to Serve – Al Mead will talk to a graduate student about serving on the council. If she does not accept, Sarah Myers will ask another graduate student.
 - Review Bylaws:
 - Remove: (2021-2022) from the top of the bylaws. Article X “Interpretation of the bylaws” lists each time the bylaws were updated and approved by the Graduate Council and the Provost.
 - Clarification on membership:
 - Director of the Graduate School: Holley Roberts
 - One dean (or designee) from each college:
 - Nicole DeClouette (CoE)
 - Winston Tripp (CoAS)
 - Tanya Goette (CoBT)
 - Josie Doss (CoHS)
 - 1-2 graduate coordinators or graduate faculty from each college:
 - Kim Muschaweck (CoE)
 - Diane Gregg (CoE)
 - Sarah Myers (CoHS)
 - Krystal Canady (CoHS)
 - Cassie Napier (CoBT)
 - Scott Cox (CoBT)

- Katie Simon (CoAS)
 - Al Mead (CoAS)
 - One graduate student: TBD
 - One staff member from Graduate Admissions: Parris Storey
 - Only members with faculty status are permitted to vote on curriculum-related submissions.
 - Winston moved to approve the amended bylaws. Josie seconded the motion. Amended bylaws were approved unanimously.
- Information Items:
 - **College of Education:**
 - Modification of an Existing Course:
 - EDCI 6102: *Analyzing Assessment Policies and Practices* – change in course title

Update from Each College:

- College of Arts & Sciences:
 - Election Administration Certificate Program has three students
 - CoAS is open to collaborating with other programs, departments, and units across campus
 - CoAS is seeing an uptick in international students
- College of Business & Technology:
 - Each graduate program now has assigned program coordinators
 - CoBT is working on a marketing plan for recruitment purposes
 - Dean Stratton is working on developing partnerships and agreements with other universities
- College of Education:
 - CoE received a Dyslexia Grant from the state for \$106,928. The grant will pay for 20-25 teachers to earn the Dyslexia Endorsement. Faculty are engaged in professional development this semester. The cohort will begin taking classes in spring 2023.
 - CoE is working on stackable M.Ed. program that will stack endorsement programs. Waiting to hear from the Professional Standards Commission to see if this will make candidates eligible for certificate upgrades. Kay confirmed that if endorsement programs are part of a degree-seeking program, students will be eligible for financial aid.
 - Computer Science for Teachers Program now has 5 students.
- College of Health Sciences:
 - Nursing:
 - Working on a BSN to DNP pathway program
 - Developing a master's program in forensics
 - Gained approval for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course
 - Health & Human Performance:
 - Seeing increased enrollment this year
 - Submitted catalog revisions this summer

Announcements/Discussion:

- Double Bobcat Program is moving forward
 - Pathway or Program? (TBD)
 - Will begin once governance process is complete AND all the backend work is complete (may be a spring start, may be a summer start)
 - Students admitted may take up to 12 credit hours that are covered by Hope and Zell

- University policy is in development. The Academic Policy Committee will review the policy, then it will move through senate governance.
- All other procedural decisions (e.g., reviewing applications, making admissions decisions, etc.) will be left to the departments to decide
 - The department will complete the Double Bobcat Pathway Proposal. The proposal will move through the college governance process before making its way to the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee as information items. Finally, Cara will send notification to SACSCOC.
- Students will register for and pay for the graduate course. Holley and Kay will check on the credit hour calculation.
- If the graduate course is offered in a different semester than the undergraduate course, it is a scheduling issue that the department works out (not a registrar issue)
- Graduate course credit does not transfer to another graduate program at another university
- Students will remain bachelors-seeking students. Course credit will not be converted to graduate course credit until the student starts the graduate program
- The application system and process still needs to be worked out.
- Departments will need to demonstrate that X student has permission to register for Y course.
- This needs to be a smooth, systematic operation, not a free-for-all
 - Needs to be predictable for departments to plan course coverage and staffing
 - Students need to be informed the same way across the university
 - Consistency across departments and colleges will maintain the integrity of the program. This will preserve credit on both UG and graduate transcripts.
- Graduate School has asked colleges to respond to requests for information about marketing and recruitment strategies so the university can be strategic.
- Graduate Task Force met with Art Recesso, Vice Chancellor for Academic Innovation to talk about graduate programming

Next Meeting:

Graduate Council: September 9, 2022 (1:00 pm) – Atkinson 202

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Graduate Council Meetings for 2022-2023

September 9, 2022 – Atkinson 202

October 14, 2022 – Atkinson 202

November 4, 2022 – Atkinson 202

January 13, 2023 – TBD

February 10, 2023 – TBD

March 3, 2023 – TBD

April 14, 2023 – TBD