



The Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 25, 2019

The Graduate Council met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. on the 5th floor of the Thomas Cooper Library in the Career Center.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Tom Regan, Vice Chair; Drs. Nate Bell, Ron Benner, Matt Boylan, Bobby Brame, Joanna Casey, Jim Mensch, and Clint Saidy, GSA Representative

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Suzanne Adlof, Cathy Brant, Maks Chruszcz, Rick Creswick, Jean Ellis, Maryah Fram, Hippokratis Kiaris, and Sirivatch Shimpalee

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. Bob Brookshire (Integrated Info Technology), Dr. Kristen Starnes-Ott (College of Nursing), and Malia Kiehl (Office of the Registrar)

NOTE: These minutes will become final on April 22, 2019 if not challenged.

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Tom Regan for Maryah Fram)
The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., and the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 2. Approval of the [Minutes from February 25, 2019](http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp).** 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** (Tom Regan for Maryah Fram)
No report.
- 4. Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)
Dr. Addy began by noting that the Blueprint planning document for the Graduate School is nearly complete. There were no major changes to the plan this year, but our intent is to focus more on recruiting initiatives, especially opportunities for URM students. This aligns closely to the university's Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan, recently approved by the Board of Trustees and including several metrics related to graduate students (enrollment, financial support, and graduation), and parallels campus participation in the APLU Aspire Alliance Institutional Change Network to increase STEM faculty diversity.

Also mentioned was that the Board of Trustees recently approved the Strategic Plan report for the University where there is a more detailed effort to recruit under-represented minorities, to include increasing recruiting strategies, and to increase funding for recruiting efforts. This initiative aligns with the same attention to increased effectiveness of recruiting strategies in the Graduate School Blueprint.

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

Dr. Mitchell stated that there remains some clarification required for the language surrounding graduate faculty status. He has not had a chance to get with the Academic Policy and Practices Committee, so, action on that item will be delayed.

There will be a Graduate Director (program admins welcome, too) meeting on Thursday, April 25 from 2:30 to 4:00, in Close-Hipp, room 584. We will be sharing an agenda and the address for “SignUpGenius” for registration in the next few days. This is just a save-the-date announcement which he pushed out to the Graduate Director and Program Admin listservs on last Friday. Tentative topics will include:

- Recruiting tools newly available through CollegeNet
- Clarification of the Accelerated Plan and Senior Privilege opportunities
- Clarification of the “Meets With” and “Cross Listing” distinctions
- Syllabus Checklist (per ACAF 2.03)
- Other updates

If there is something else that you are aware of as a particular concern or need for your program, please feel free to solicit input from the colleagues in your program. Please share that input with him as soon as possible so that we can advertise and solicit interest in advance. We want to do the best that we can to ensure we meet the needs of those who choose to attend. Given the turnover of faculty in staff supporting graduate programs, it is an ongoing challenge to ‘hit the mark’ of the variable needs of the audience.

Last, it is time to solicit membership on the Graduate Council. As you know, members serve overlapping 3-year terms to facilitate some continuity to the business of Graduate Education at the University of South Carolina. We try to ensure representation across colleges, with no more than one representative from any given program—so, the College of Education with four departments, could conceivably have four representatives, but, the College of Social Work or the College of Nursing, could each have only one representative. Again, breadth of representation by graduate faculty who are interested, willing and able to participate is the goal. So, if you know of someone who may be interested in being nominated to serve on the Graduate Council—or, perhaps on one of the committees that reports to the Council—please confirm their willingness to serve and share the nomination with me. Full graduate faculty (tenured and tenure track faculty), and Associate members are eligible to serve on the Council. Term Appointment graduate faculty are not eligible to serve.

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

Dr. Brandt reported that **Graduate Student Appreciation Week** will be celebrated April 1-5 and is organized by the Graduate School in collaboration with the Graduate Student Association. This week is observed the first week of April each year to manifest support and appreciation of the contributions, impact, and value of graduate students. This week of appreciation was started by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students in 1993.

The attached flyer includes additional details. If registration is required, the registration information is available on the [Graduate School calendar](#).

8. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Clint Saidy)

Clint informed the Graduate Council that GSA elections will be held this week. He will share the results at our April meeting. The received application breakdown is as follows:

- President – 1
- Vice President – 2
- Treasurer – 1
- Graduate Council Representative – 2

In celebration of Graduate Student Appreciation Week, GSA will be hosting an event at the Columbia Fireflies baseball game on Sunday, April 7th, at 2:05 pm. To RSVP, please click on this [link](#).

9. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Tom Regan)

No report.

10. **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

None at this time.

Distributed Learning Proposals

HRTM 590 (3) Wine, Beverage and Culture (Summer 2019)

ITEC 790 (3) Advanced Data Analysis in Healthcare (Fall 2019)

SOWK 768 (3) Crisis Intervention (Summer 2019)

Special Topics Courses

ACCT 741 (3) Fraud Examination and Investigation (Fall 2019)

ACCT 741 (3) Legal Issues in the Workplace (Fall 2019—7 sections)

BADM 790 (3) Strategic Deal-Making (Summer 2019—7 sections)

CPLT 597 (3) Russian Literary and Film Theory (Fall 2019)

EDUC 633 (3) Simplifying Response to Intervention in the K-5 Math Classroom (Spring 2019)

ENGL 741 (3) Visions of Home: Black Women Writers, Artists, and Representations of Home (Spring 2019)

ENGL 803 (3) History and Utopia: Global Historical and Speculative/Science Fictions (Spring 2019)

ENGL 890 (3) Writing Program Administration, Research and Praxis (Spring 2019)

ENHS 793 (3) Concepts in Public Health Emergency Preparedness (Summer 2019)

ENHS 793 (3) Environmental Nanoscience Laboratory (Fall 2019)

ENVR 501 (3) Sustainability Projects Course (Spring 2019)
EXSC 755 (1) Introduction to Therapeutic Intervention Lab (Summer 2019)
HRTM 590 (3) Wine, Beverage and Culture (Summer 2019)
ITEC 790 (3) Advanced Data Analysis in Healthcare (Fall 2019)
RUSS 598 (3) Russian Literary and Film Theory (Fall 2019)
SOWK 768 (3) Crisis Intervention (Summer 2019)
SPTE 570 (3) Entertainment in Latin America (Summer 2019)
SPTE 570 (3) Spanish Sport (Summer 2019)
SPTE 590 (3) Advanced Live Entertainment Management (Fall 2019)
SPTE 590 (3) Communication in Sport (Fall 2019)
SPTE 590 (3) Sport, Entertainment, and Venue Trends (Fall 2019)
WGST 598 (3) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health (Fall 2019)

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

Name: **Victoria Oglan** (PhD)
Program: Department of Instruction and Teacher Education
Current Title: Clinical Assistant Professor
Term: Spring 2019 – Spring 2025

This nomination was unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Murray Mitchell for Jean Ellis)

The Scholarships and Fellowships Committee met three times, most recently last week.

Our largest responsibility is the Presidential Fellowship. We evaluated 79 applications and made 20 offers. Overall, we were very impressed with the quality of applications. All of the students that were nominated are excellent and the UofSC will be a better university if any of these students choose to come.

As of 3/24: 3 have accepted, 2 have declined. We are currently communicating with the graduate directors from the programs/departments that have outstanding Presidential Fellowship offers. If the student accepts - great! If they decline, we have a committee-approved waiting list that we will use to fill the class of 2019. We currently have more offers on the table than Presidential Fellowship slots because we anticipate students will decline our offer.

We also evaluated and awarded the Rhude Patterson and Cecil Scott recruiting fellowships, also known as the trustee recruiting fellowships. We evaluated 7 and awarded 6 (per trustee guidelines). We don't have information on acceptances.

The committee is also responsible for current student awards (reviewed last week):

Leadership Award (evaluated 3 and awarded 2)

Teaching Award (evaluated 10 and awarded 2)

Thesis Award (evaluated 1 and awarded 1)

Trustee Fellowships: Patterson, Coker, Reeves, Royal, Parkinson (evaluated 22 and awarded 7)

The committee encourages departments and programs to utilize these scholarships and fellowships. In

several instances, we had a low application to award ratio. These are excellent opportunities for graduate students. They not only build up their CV, but they also get money.

Lastly, she greatly appreciates the hard work of the committee - fellow Grad Council members Jim Mensh and Nate Bell and colleagues Kirk Foster (Social Work), Mary Styslinger (Education), and Varsha Kulkarni (Physics). The committee would not function without the support of Wright Culpepper from the Graduate School.

13. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Murray Mitchell for 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=63&code=GCO>

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- **COMD 705** (3) Language Disorders in Adults, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2020
- **COMD 750** (3) Introduction to Audiology and Aurul Rehabilitation, Public Health, CCP: Fall 2020
- **ELCT 752**, Power System Grounding and Transients, Engineering and Computing, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2020
- **ELCT 865**, Signal Integrity on System Bus Technology, Engineering and Computing, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2020
- **EPID 877** (3) Advanced Methods and Concepts in Nutritional Research, Public Health, NCP: Summer 2019
- **NURS 737** (3) Foundations for DNP Development, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 779** (3) Health Politics, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 780** (3) Legal Perspectives in Professional Nursing Practice, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 781** (3) Applied Technology in Health Care, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 783** (3) Advanced Family Nursing: Intervention and Evaluation, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 806** (3) Nurse Executive Leadership I, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 807** (3) Nurse Executive Leadership II, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 808** (3) Advanced Nursing in Population Health, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 809** (3) Advanced Healthcare Financing, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 817** (3) Application of Statistics for Evidence Based Nursing Practice, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 819** (3) Evidence and Nursing Practice, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 840A** (3) Independent Study in Nursing Science, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020
- **NURS 897** (3) DNP Project Preparation and Residency, Nursing, CCP: Fall 2020

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

14. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee**
(Murray Mitchell for Cathy Brant)

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- **EDRD 714** (3) Critical Foundations of Literacy, Education, NCP: Summer 2019
- **EDRD 750** (3) Literacy Curriculum Development, Education, NCP: Summer 2019
- **EDRD 760** (3) Literacy Research and Inquiry, Education, NCP: Summer 2019
- **EDST Major / Degree Program**, Counselor Education, Ph.D., Education, Change Program: Fall 2020
- **EDST Major / Degree Program**, MAT in Special Education/Severe and Multiple Disabilities, Education, Change Program: Fall 2020
- **SOWK 723**, Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals, Social Work, Delete an Existing Course: Fall 2020
- **SOWK 743** (3) Immigration Policy, Social Work, NCP: Summer 2019
- **SOWK 746** (3) Community Mental Health, Social Work, NCP: Summer 2019

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

15. **Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee** (Bobby Brame)

Dr. Brame reported that they had one appeal to hear and review. It was resolved at the department level.

16. **Other Committee Reports**

17. **Old Business**

18. **New Business**

19. **Good of the Order**

20. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm.

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC:

Harris Pastides, President

Joan Gabel, Provost

Cheryl Addy, Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School

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Department Chairs

Graduate Directors

Aaron Marterer, University Registrar

Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar

Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar

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