

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of December 16th, 2020
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

Call to Order

The Graduate Council met via Zoom on December 16th, 2020. The meeting convened at 3:30 pm, with Dr. Wendy Darby facilitating.

Members in attendance: Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Mr. Derek Malone, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Craig Robertson, Mr. Mitch Powell, Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Ms. Shaquita Cowan, Dr. Wendy Darby, Dr. Shaun Davenport, Dr. Rebecca Hopkins, Ms. Britney Jones, Ms. Savannah Knight, Dr. Jason McCall, Dr. Kristy Oden, Mr. Austin Oldag, Dr. John Parnell, Dr. Jessica Stovall

Members not in attendance: Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Greg Carnes, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Ms. Savannah Knight

Guests: Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Greg Carnes), Dr. Matthew Green (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Tera Kirkman (Proxy for Dr. Vicki Pierce), Dr. Chris Purser, Dr. Sayeed Shohag

Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

- a. The Motion was made by Dr. Oden to approve the agenda of the meeting. Dr. McCall provided a second motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the October 21st Meeting

- a. The Motion was made by Dr. McCall to approve the minutes from the October 21st meeting. Dr. Davenport provided a second motion. The motion carried.

C. Report from the Office of Graduate and Online Education

- a. Dr. Paulk gave a congratulations and thank you to the Council for all of their hard work this semester. She also informed the group that the office is hiring an Associate Director of Online Recruitment and 3 new Student Relationship Specialists. Her focus next spring will be on procedures, policies, and faculty support.

D. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council

- a. Dr. Beaver informed the Council that the GAC did not meet before this meeting, and that she would give an update at the February meeting.

E. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications for those listed below. Dr. Robertson made a motion to approve all the applications together. Dr. Davenport provided a second motion, and the motion carried.

- a. Jennifer Pate – History (COAS)
- b. Anna Mullican – History (COAS)
- c. Wilm Kirk Strawbridge – History (COAS)
- d. Katie Randall – History (COAS)
- e. Mary Ann Stegall – Teaching, Learning, and Leadership (COEHS)
- f. Ron Davis – Computer Science and Information Systems (COB)
- g. Joshua B. Davis – History (COAS)
- h. Justin Coats – Accounting and Business Law (COB)
- i. Ashton Wimberley – Graduate Programs (ACONHP)

- j. Timothy Worley – Communications (COAS)
- k. Toufic Chebib – Management and Marketing (COB)
- l. Justin Carter – Management and Marketing (COB)

F. University Miscellaneous Items

- a. There were no items to present at this time.

G. College of Arts and Sciences-

- a. Voting Items- Dr. Oden motioned to discuss the voting items and Dr. McCall provided a second. Dr. Shohag gave an update on item i. There are no new courses being added to this program. The goal of this change is streamlining admissions criteria. With 10 in favor and 1 opposed, the motion carried. Dr. Stovall made a motion to approve items ii.-vii., informing the Council this are all courses being inactivated. Dr. Robertson provided a second, and the motion carried. Dr. Robertson made a motion to approve item viii. With a second provided by Dr. Stovall. Dr. Purser informed the council this Accelerated Masters Program will act as recruitment tool to keep our UNA graduates here for their Master’s Degree. All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - i. 371 : Master of Science in Applied Manufacturing Engineering
 - ii. MA 548 : Mathematical Statistics II
 - iii. MA 552 : Advanced Calculus
 - iv. MA 561 : Numerical Analysis
 - v. MA 571 : Applied Mathematics
 - vi. MA 575 : Intro to Operations Research
 - vii. MA 591 : Graduate Seminar
 - viii. 411: Accelerated Master’s Program in Criminal Justice

H. College of Business

- a. Information Items- The below information items were not discussed, as they are non-voting items.
 - i. EDDBA 902 : Dissertation
 - ii. MG 624 : Organizational Behavior

I. College of Education and Human Sciences

- a. Information Items- The below information items were not discussed, as they are non-voting items.
 - i. EED 652 : Special Topics
 - ii. HPE 786 : Supervised Teaching Practicum
 - iii. HPE 794 : Portfolio Defense
 - iv. HPE 795 : Dissertation Research

J. Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions

- a. Voting Items- Dr. Robertson made a motion to approve all items. Dr. McCall made a second motion. Dr. Oden informed the Council the qualifying grade for these courses has been moved to a B or higher. All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - i. NU 508 : Advanced Health Assessment
 - ii. NU 607 : Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology
 - iii. NU 614 : Advanced Pharmacology for Nurses
 - iv. NU 681 : Evidence-based Practice and Teaching/Learning Practicum II

Adjourn

A motion was made by Dr. Stovall to adjourn the meeting at 4:04pm. Dr. McCall made a second motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Candace Arnold