

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of August 25th, 2021
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

Call to Order

The Graduate Council met via Zoom on August 25th, 2021. The meeting convened at 3:32 pm, with Dr. Rebecca Hopkins facilitating.

Members in attendance: Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Mr. Derek Malone, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Craig Robertson, Mr. Mitch Powell, Ms. Kayla Bray, Mr. Theron Brown, Jr., Dr. Aaron Burgess, Dr. Ashton Glover, Dr. Rebecca Hopkins, Dr. Jason McCall, Dr. Kristy Oden, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Alyssa Parten, Ms. Lindsey Pike, Dr. Erin Vaughn

Members not in attendance: Dr. Greg Carnes, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Dr. Wes Davenport

Guests: Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Greg Carnes), Dr. Matthew Green (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Butler Cain (Proxy for Dr. Chunsheng Zhang), Dr. Laura Williams

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. The Motion was made by Dr. McCall to approve the agenda with a second by Dr. Oden. The motion carried.
- 2. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council – Dr. Jana Beaver**
 - a. Dr. Beaver informed the group that the first Graduate Advisory Council meeting will take place in October.
- 3. Report from the Office of Graduate and Online Education – Dr. Amber Paulk**
 - a. Dr. Paulk introduced Dr. Laura Williams as the Provost Fellow working with Graduate and Online Education.
 - b. She then introduced Ms. Adkison, who gave an update on the required Graduate Faculty credentials based on SACSCOC Standard 6.2A.
- 4. Nomination of Vice Chair**
 - a. There were no nominations made in the meeting for vice chair. A decision was made to conduct this via e-business, with an update at the next meeting.
- 5. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications for those listed below.** Dr. McCall made a motion to table **a.** (due to no details on degree) and **g.** (due to not enough experience details.) Dr. Oden provided a second, and the motion carried. Dr. Oden made a motion to approve **f., j., k.,** due to all holding terminal degrees. Ms. Bray made a second, and the motion carried. Ms. Adkison pointed out there was not specific enough justification for **b.,** so Dr. McCall made a motion to table this application and Dr. Glover provided a second. The motion carried. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approved applications **c.** and **d.** together. Dr. Oden provided a second, and the motion carried. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve **i.** second provided by Dr. McCall, motion carried. Dr. Glover made a motion to approve **h.,** second by Dr. Burgess, motion carried. Dr. Oden made a motion to approve **e.,** second provided my Dr. McCall. Motion carried.

- a. Timothy Harris – Music (CASE)
- b. Laurelie Gheesling – Music (CASE)
- c. Wesley Puckett – Social Work (CASE)
- d. Sondra Landers – Social Work (CASE)
- e. Dennis Smith – Interdisciplinary & Professional Studies (CASE)
- f. Thomas Erik Angerhofer – Music (CASE)
- g. Kyrel Buchanan – Management and Marketing (COBT)
- h. Elizabeth Alexander – Social Work (CASE)
- i. April Viverette – Social Work (CASE)
- j. Amy Jones – Teaching, Learning, and Leadership (COEHS)
- k. Rickey McCreless – Management and Marketing (COBT)

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. McCall at 4:18pm. Dr. Parnell provided a second, and the motion carried.