

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of October 20th, 2021
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

Call to Order

The Graduate Council met via Zoom on October 20th, 2021. The meeting convened at 3:32 pm, with Dr. Rebecca Hopkins facilitating.

Members in attendance: Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Dr. Katie Kinney, Mr. Derek Malone, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Mr. Mitch Powell, Ms. Kayla Bray, Mr. Theron Brown, Jr., Dr. Aaron Burgess, Dr. Wes Davenport, Dr. Ashton Glover, Dr. Rebecca Hopkins, Dr. Jason McCall, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Lindsey Pike, Dr. Erin Vaughn

Members not in attendance: Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Greg Carnes, Dr. Craig Robertson, Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Dr. Kristy Oden, Ms. Alyssa Parten

Guests: Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Greg Carnes), Dr. Butler Cain (Proxy for Dr. Chunsheng Zhang), Dr. Laura Williams (Proxy for Dr. Kristy Oden)

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Agenda-**
 - a. The motion was made by Dean Baird to approve the agenda with a second by Dr. McCall. The motion carried.
- 2. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council – Dr. Jana Beaver**
 - a. Dr. Beaver informed the group that Dr. Matt Green was the chair of GAC this year. They had no voting items at their last meeting, but did discuss Dr. Williams beginning to create and put together a Graduate Handbook.
- 3. Report from the Office of Graduate and Online Education – Dr. Amber Paulk**
 - a. Dr. Paulk elaborated on the Graduate Handbook status, as mentioned by Dr. Beaver. She also updated the group on the status of creating automated dismissal and warning letters for graduate students. We will be testing this process in Fall 2021 with hopes of launching in Spring 2022. She also informed the group that Graduate Programs at UNA have grown by 75% since 2018. She applauded the council on all the hard work they have done to help get us to this point.
- 4. Nominations for Vice Chair**
 - a. Dr. Erin Vaughn was nominated for Vice Chair. Dr. Parnell made a motion to approve Dr. Vaughn as Vice Chair of the Graduate Council. Dr. McCall provided a second, and the motion carried.
- 5. Graduate Faculty Application Update- Bliss Adkison**
 - a. Ms. Adkison was not present at GC, so this item was removed from the agenda.
- 6. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications:** There was a motion by Dr. Burgess to consider items a, d, e, f, g, h, as they all have terminal degrees within their field. A second was made by Dr. Glover to consider these as a group. The motion carried. Dean Baird and Dr. Beaver

informed the group that all of these applicants will be approved for permanent status. (Terms are notated by each faculty member). A motion was made by Dr. Vaughn to approve this group of applications. A second was provided by Dr. McCall, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Davenport to consider items b, c, l, j, k, l, m, n as a group. Dr. Parnell provided a second. Dr. Beaver and Dean Baird updated everyone on terms approved (notated by faculty members names below). Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve this group of applicants, with a second provided by Dr. Glover. The motion carried.

- a. Timothy Harris – Music (CASE) **Permanent Status**
- b. Laurelie Gheesling – Music (CASE) **5-year term**
- c. Kyrel Buchanan – Management and Marketing (COBT) **5-year term**
- d. Clayton Jonah Butler – History (CASE) **Permanent Status**
- e. Royce Woodruff – Politics, Justice, Law, and Philosophy (CASE) **Permanent Status**
- f. John Cicala – Management and Marketing (COBT) **Permanent Status**
- g. Diane Kutz – Management and Marketing (COBT) **Permanent Status**
- h. John Parnell – Management and Marketing (COBT) **Permanent Status**
- i. Stacy Lee – Social Work (CASE) **5-year term**
- j. Stephani Strawn – Social Work (CASE) **5-year term**
- k. Audrey Bailey – Social Work (CASE) **5-year term**
- l. William Powell – Politics, Justice, Law, and Philosophy (CASE) **5-year term**
- m. Janyce Fadden – Management and Marketing (COBT) **5-year term**
- n. Matthew Oglesby – Management and Marketing (COBT) **5-year term**

5. **University Miscellaneous Items**

No items to present at this time.

6. **College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering**

Voting items- Dr. McCall made a motion to consider items a, b as a group. Dr. Davenport provided a second. Dr. Raney informed the group that this is a renumbering of courses, and 634 is being changed to 624. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve items a, b with a second provided by Dr. McCall. The motion carried.

Dr. Burgess made a motion to consider items c, d as a group. Dr. Glover provided a second. Dr. Burgess informed the group that these are practice specific electives being added to the program. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve items c,d. Dr. McCall provided a second, and the motion carried.

Dr. Vaughn made a motion to approve items e, f as a group. Dr. Burgess provided a second. Dr. Raney informed the group that these are 2 new courses being added to the program. Dr. Glover made a motion to approve items e, f, with a second provided by Dr. Davenport. The motion carried.

- a. MA 624 : History of Philosophy of Mathematics
- b. MA 634 : History of Philosophy of Mathematics
- c. SW 544 : Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals: Narrative and Solution Focused Therapy
- d. SW 545 : The Strengths Perspective in Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice
- e. MA 675 : Introduction to Partial Differential Equations I
- f. MA 676 : Introduction to Partial Differential Equations II

7. **College of Business and Technology**

No items to present at this time.

8. **College of Education and Human Sciences**

Voting items – Dr. McCall made a motion to consider item a, with a second provided by Dr. Burgess. Dean Kinney informed the group that this program is being removed, as it is not approved at the state level, which therefore means it is not in compliance. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve item a with a second provided by Dr. Vaughn. The motion carried.

Dr. McCall made a motion to consider item b. Dr. Burgess provided a second. Dean Kinney informed the group that in order to stay in compliance, this program must move to 60hrs by 7/1/2023, and this helps achieve that goal. Dr. Davenport made a motion to approve item b, with a second provided by Dr. Burgess. The motion carried.

Dr. McCall made a motion to consider item c, with a second provided by Dr. Glover. Dean Kinney explained that this will allow students to complete their thesis across a fall and spring semester while taking coursework. Dr. McCall made a motion to approve item c, with a second provided by Dr. Burgess. The motion carried.

Dr. Davenport made a motion to consider item d, with a second provided by Dr. Parnell. Dean Kinney informed the group this is a class being added to the program. Dr. Davenport made a motion to approve item c. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion carried.

- a. 239 : Master of Arts in Education Degree in Secondary Education-Geography
- b. 341 : Master of Arts in Education Degree in School Counseling (P-12)
- c. SRM 695 : Thesis in Sport & Recreation Management
- d. 394 : Accelerated Master's Program in Sport and Recreation Management

Information Items

- a. CHD 678 : Practicum in Counseling
- b. CHD 688 : Internship in Counseling
- c. CHD 689 : Internship in Counseling
- d. ECE 510 : Infants and Toddlers

9. **Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions**

Voting items- Dr. Burgess made a motion to consider items a-d as a group. Dr. Glover provided a second. Dr. Williams informed the group these are 3 tracks being created for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Dr. McCall asked why it said “course not found” in Courseleaf, and Dean Pierce informed the group that the courses and course descriptions will be coming at a later date. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve items a-d. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion carried.

- a. 430 : Doctor of Nursing Practice
 - b. 431 : Doctor of Nursing Practice: Advanced Practice Track
 - c. 432 : Doctor of Nursing Practice: Population Health Leadership and Simulation Track
 - d. 433 : Doctor of Nursing Practice: Educational Leadership and Simulation Track

A motion was made to adjourn by Dr. Burgess at 4:19pm, second by Dr. McCall. Motion carried.