

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
March 16, 2022

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Jill Anderson, Ford Ballantyne, Suchendra Bhandarkar, Sundar Bharadwaj, Swarn Chatterjee, Merrily Dunn, Jennifer Elkins, Melissa Fahmy, Rachel Fusco, Ruth Harman, Dan Johnson, Ed Kellough, Elizabeth Knight, Christof Meile, David Mustard, Luke Naeher, David Peterson, Kaori Sakamoto, Jacek Siry, Shavannor Smith, Elizabeth St. Pierre, Seth Wenger, Catherine White, and Teena Wilhelm. Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, Robert Scott, Robin Bingham, and Olivia Myers represented the Graduate School. Subhraleena Dekka represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: Tim Foutz, Cari Goetcheus, Andy Grundstein, Kyser Lough, Kristen Navara, and Dayton Wilde.

VP/Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the February 9, 2022, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee

Ron Walcott, Ex Officio Member
No business to report.

B. Appeals Committee

Shavannor Smith, Chair
No business to report.

C. Program Committee

Dan Johnson, Interim Chair

Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Program Committee has reviewed and approved three proposals via Microsoft Teams. The Program Committee would like to bring the following action items to the Graduate Council for its approval.

- Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of education, a proposal to terminate the MAT in Special Education at the Griffin Campus. *Approved 24-0*
- Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of education, a proposal to terminate the MED in Science Education at the Athens Campus. *Approved 24-0*
- Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of education, a proposal to terminate the MAT in Science Education at the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 23-0*
- Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of education, a proposal to terminate the MED in Science Education at the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 24-0*

D. Policy and Planning Committee

Kaori Sakamoto, Chair
No business to report.

New Business

- A. GradFIRST: First-year Research and Scholarship Training Seminar Series.

Action Item: New University-Wide Graduate Requirement – all first-year graduate students who matriculate in graduate programs fall semester 2022 and thereafter must successfully complete one GradFIRST seminar by the end of their first year in residence. This policy excludes students in programs with exemptions granted by the Dean of the Graduate School. *Approved 16-7-1*

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 23 new courses, 17 course revisions, and 4 deletions.
- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 3:30pm, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.