

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
October 9, 2024

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Members present: Mary Ager, John Bray, Melinda Brindley, Ted Christensen, AnnaMarie Conner, Kelly Dyer, Kerstin Emerson, Jaivime Evaristo, Alexa Lamm, Jill Manners, Rebecca Matthew, Jeff Mullen, Priya Narayanan, Don Nelson, Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Phil Stancil, Amy Stich, and George Vellidis. Graduate Student Association: Oliver Levine and Uyi Ugiagbe. Graduate School: Ron Walcott, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Stephanie Hall.

Members absent: Jim Conklin, Luis Correa-Diaz, Janette Hill, Sheba Mohankumar, Craig Osenberg, Anne Shaffer, Geoffrey Sheagley, Alison Smith, Kenan Song, Will Walker, and Bart Wojdyski.

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

The minutes from April 10, 2024, and August 21, 2024, were approved.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
Ron Walcott, Ex Officio Member
No business to report.

B. Appeals Committee
AnnaMarie Conner, Chair

Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee has met twice. On April 11, 2024, the previous Appeals Committee heard one appeal of a Graduate School dismissal due to "Low GPA." Committee members present were Ed Kellough (Acting Chair), John Bray, Jennifer Elkins, Mark Eiteman, David Peterson, and Kerstin Emerson. Cheri Bliss, Anne Shaffer and Stephanie Hall from the Graduate School were present. The committee voted to deny the appeal.

On September 4, 2024, the new Appeals Committee heard an admissions appeal. Committee members present were AnnaMarie Conner (Chair), Ted Christensen, Luis Correa-Diaz, Kerstin Emerson, Jeff Mullen, Craig Osenberg, Phil Stancil, Amy Stich, and Oliver Levine. Anne Shaffer and Cheri Bliss from the Graduate School were present. The committee voted to deny the appeal.

C. Program Committee
George Vellidis, 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 1: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, Department of Educational Theory and Practice, a proposal to offer an MAT in Elementary Education on the Gwinnett Campus. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 2: From the College of Engineering, a proposal to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Engineering Physics. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 3: From the College of Engineering, a proposal to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Computer Systems Engineering. *Approved 19-0-0*

D. Policy and Planning Committee
Kelly Dyer, Chair

The PPC has met twice (September 6, October 4) since the last meeting of Graduate Council. The following items are brought forward to Graduate Council for action/discussion.

Action Item 1: Confirmation of policy on “Change of Degree Objective” (no changes). *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 2: Confirmation of policy on “Application for graduation” (no changes). *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 3: Revision of policy on PMD Requirements by removal of outdated and redundant statements (#4, #7, #8). *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 4: Revision of policy on “Advising Members of Immediate Family” by additional clarification. *Approved 20-0-0*

Discussion Item: Co-authorship Policy

1. Contributions and approval of co-authors
2. Co-first authored papers

Co-authorship policy is being sent back to the Policy and Planning Committee for further discussion and development. PPC will report back to the Graduate Council at the next meeting.

Information Items

A. Curriculum Report: Since our last meeting, the Graduate School has approved 11 new courses, 193 course revisions, and 0 deletions.

B. Five Program Committee action items scheduled for the September 11 meeting were approved by Graduate Council via online voting with a count of 19-0-0:

- From the Mary Francis Early College of Education, Department of Mathematics, Science and Social Studies Education, a proposal to offer the M.Ed. in Mathematics Education Online. *Approved 18-0-1*
- From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, Department of Workforce Education and Instructional Technology, a proposal to offer a new Ed.D. in Learning, Design, and Technology Online. *Approved 19-0-0*
- From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and School of Social Work, a proposal to terminate the Marriage and Family Therapy Certificate. *Approved 19-0-0*
- From the College of Public Health, Global Health Institute, a proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Global Health in the MPH. *Approved 19-0-0*
- From the Terry College of Business, a proposal to approve the Institute for Business Analytics and Insights. *Approved 19-0-0*

C. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 3:30pm, 327 Brooks Hall

Overall meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.