

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL**

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in 327 Brooks Hall.

Members present: Mary Ager, John Bray, Melinda Brindley, AnnaMarie Conner, Luis Correa-Diaz, Kelly Dyer, Kerstin Emerson, Janette Hill, Alexa Lamm, Rebecca Matthew, Sheba Mohankumar, Priya Narayanan, Don Nelson, Craig Osenberg, Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Phil Stancil, Amy Stich, and George Vellidis. Graduate Student Association: Oliver Levine. Graduate School: Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Stephanie Hall.

Members absent: Ted Christensen, Jim Conklin, Jaivime Evaristo, Jill Manners, Jeff Mullen, Geoffrey Sheagley, Alison Smith, Kenan Song, Uyi Ugiagbe, Will Walker, and Bart Wojdyski.

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

The minutes from October 9, 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 once. On November 6, 2024, the Appeals Committee heard a grade appeal. Committee members present were AnnaMarie Conner (Chair), Luis Correa-Diaz, Jeff Mullen, Craig Osenberg, Phil Stancil, Amy Stich, Oliver Levine, Mary Ager, Meredith Welch-Devine, Cheri Bliss and Stephanie Hall 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 four proposals via Microsoft Teams. The Program Committee would like to bring the following action items to the Graduate Council for its approval.

Action Item I: From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Statistics, a proposal to offer the M.S. in Data Science online. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item IA: From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Statistics, a proposal to offer an Area of Emphasis in Applied Data Science under the M.S. in Data Science online. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 2: From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Department of Geology, a proposal to offer the M.S. and M.S. Non-Thesis in Geology online. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 2A: From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Geology, a proposal to offer an Area of Emphasis in Environmental Geology under the M.S. Non-Thesis online. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 3: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, Department of Workforce Education and Instructional Technology, a proposal to offer the MAT in Workforce Education online. *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 4: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to create an Area of Emphasis in Workforce Education (Teacher Certification) and an Area of Emphasis in Workforce Education (Advanced Preparation) under the Ed.S. in Education – Workforce Education online. *Approved 16-0-3*

D. Policy and Planning Committee
Kelly Dyer, Chair

The PPC met on November 4th. The following action items are brought forward to Graduate Council for approval and one discussion item for Council input.

Action Item 1: Confirmation of policy on “Final Registration Requirements” (no changes). *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 2: Confirmation of policy on “Faculty Roles on Advisory Committees” (no changes). *Approved 19-0-0*

Action Item 3: Proposed policy on “Author Contribution” section for manuscript-style thesis chapters. *Approved 18-0-0 (with changes)*

Discussion Item 1: Feedback on co-authorship policy for manuscript style thesis chapters.

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, 67 course revisions, and 1 deletion.

B. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 3:30pm, 327 Brooks Hall

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.