

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
1:00 PM

110 GRINTER HALL &
Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. James Jawitz, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Abdoulaye Kane, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Linjuan Rita Men, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Dr. Marta Wayne, Dr. Weizhou Zhang, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Fatima Akinola (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Pilar Useche

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Cheryl Gater (Associate Provost and Director), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Chris Newsom (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Aner Sela (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Lissette Toletino (Office of Institutional Assessment)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Mimi Gammons, Dr. Tom Kelleher, Megan Lewis, Frankie Tai (Recording), Dr. Judy Traveis, Patty Van Wert, and Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Dr. Stedman welcomed everyone to this month's meeting of the Graduate Council and gave a brief summary of the pending proposals to be presented to the Council. (Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Stedman informed everyone that today's Zoom meeting was being recorded.) Everyone in attendance briefly introduced themselves, and we welcomed the new Council members.

I. ACTION ITEM:

1. Minutes from the August 15, 2024, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

2. Graduate Curriculum Committee – June Minutes and September Agenda
3. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting
Chris Newsome was present (via Zoom) to confirm there were no new items.
4. Graduate Student Success Center
Dr. Judy Traveis was present to share information regarding the upcoming recruiting event.

Kevin Senior shared some of his efforts with Graduate Student Affairs and Student Government. He is working on a new program to pair up international graduate students for a more immersive experience.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM:

5. Graduating semester enrollment.

Dr. Michael Martinez was present to discuss final term registration requirements for master's students who are continuing on to Ph.D.s, particularly the policy that prevents these students from using XXX 7979 course credits to meet final-term master's enrollment minimums. A follow-up meeting will be held with a working group to discuss details regarding course types and credits that fulfill final term requirements for the various degree programs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.