

**Graduate Council  
Minutes  
October 13, 2017**

The Graduate Council met Friday, October 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Dogwood Room of the University Center.

Members present: M. Hollis, C. Huffman (B. Ogletree proxy), J. Hyman, J. Lakatos, S. Swanger (J. Livingstone proxy), S. McGee, T. Orr, T. Pearson, T. Rogers, R. Scales, M. Tanaka, K. Trudell, Y. Yan and Paul Yanik

Members absent: T. Ashcraft, J. Gerlach, L. Hammer, B. Kloeppel, J. Livingstone, B. Ogletree, C. Parrish, A. Perry, F. Razzaghi, and L. Unruh

Others present: E. Frazier

**Approval of the Minutes** Motion and second to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.

**Program Updates**

Financial Aid reported that the 2018-19 FAFSA became available on October 1, 2017. The Financial Aid has started working on Fall 2018 admits.

Accountancy students are in London for fall break. The MPM program had a successful reaccreditation visit. No issues were reported, and accreditation has been affirmed. The MPM program is undergoing a search for a new faculty member.

School of Teaching and Learning reported that on November 1 the College will begin an Associate Dean Search. Student recruitment efforts are ongoing.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) reported that the GSA Executive Board is finalized. GSA is scheduling "special topics" discussions. The first special topic discussion will be with parking services, and another special topic yet to be scheduled will be with IRB. The GSA Travel Grant application deadline for the 2017 fall term is October 13. This week GSA was notified that the GSA Travel Grant fund was increased by \$5000 for this academic year. GSA announced a dance marathon event that will benefit the Children's Miracle Network. GSA president Kevin Trudell will be presenting at the NCCPA/NCHO conference in Asheville.

Paul Yanik is transitioning to Technology Program Director. The Technology program is having ongoing discussions about using the GRE for admissions in certain cases and creating guidelines for use in these cases. The Technology program will be undergoing program review this year. Self-study has begun, and the external and internal reviewers have been selected.

The College of Arts and Sciences reported that the History graduate program has been selected for program review, the new science building is in the planning phase, and a Stillwell backfill project is underway.

Nursing reported that the new Director of the School of Nursing is exploring and researching new graduate program options. The Communication Sciences and Disorders program administered second year student exams this week. Dr. David Hudson is the new DPT Department Head. The DPT pro bono clinic is doing well. The DPT program will be able to increase enrollment in the 2018 fall term with the addition of the new Asheville-Biltmore Park cohort. The MHS program reported that the department is searching for an assistant director. The College of Health and Human Sciences has started a search for an Associate Dean. An integrated Health Sciences undergraduate degree may begin in the 2018 fall term.

The MHS program highlighted three student accomplishments. A graduate of the MHS program has completed her PhD. program in Public Health at Georgia Southern University. A student graduating in December 2017 from the MHS program has been selected as the National Health Educator for Project Hero, a ride and recovery program. A graduate of the MHS EMC program has published an article on paramedicine for paramedics in a national journal. The article has been picked up for podcast by a professional organization.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Academic Policy and Graduate Faculty Review**

The following persons were approved by the Graduate Faculty Review Committee as members of the graduate faculty and came as a seconded motion for approval.

Ms. Katy Allen Social Work Affiliate

The Graduate Council Policy Committee will be working this year with the Registrar's Office to establish ABM guidelines and policies (i.e. grading).

## Curriculum Review

The following curriculum items were reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and came as a motion for approval.

### Program Changes/Creation:

#### Health Sciences – M.H.S. (Program Change Proposal)

- *Proposed Change*
  - Change Course Prefix/Number/Title to Program Mix, Update Program Description
- Course numbers need change to ensure a 500/600 course number ratio.
- Course descriptions are changed so that they align more accurately with course focus.
- Program description change so that admission requirements of GRE be required for only applicants with a cumulative grade point average of 3.49 or less. Also, allows for GMAT and LSAT scores to be used as graduate entrance exams.

Approved.

## Financial Assistance

Marianne Hollis will serve as Chair, and will work with former Chair Lori Unruh on the transition.

## Associate Dean Report

### Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's (ABM) Degree Program

Associate Dean Sharon McGee encouraged programs to consider the ABM pathway. Programs should reach out to Associate Dean Sharon McGee regarding ABM program development. The Chemistry and Accountancy currently have approved ABM programs using two different models. SACSCOC may allow recruiting ABM from other universities, and UNC-Asheville would be a prime target. Both University of Alabama-Huntsville and Western Michigan are currently doing this. Director of Financial Aid, Trina Orr, reminded Graduate Council members that ABM programs have financial aid implications.

## Agenda

### Hunter Scholar Committee

Two Graduate Council members are needed for Hunter Scholar Selection Committee. Marianne Hollis and Paul Yanik volunteered to serve on the committee.

### Solicitation for 3MT contestants

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition will be held on Wednesday, November 8. Please encourage students to participate. The 3MT application deadline is October 20, 2017. First prize is a \$500 scholarship, Second prize is a \$250 scholarship and People's Choice is a \$250 scholarship. Scholarships are awarded for the 2018 spring term. A request was made to extend the deadline to Monday, October 23 after fall break. Associate Dean Sharon McGee agree to change the application deadline per the request.

### Graduate Education Summit

A handout was distributed to remind Graduate Council members about the Graduate Education Summit event on October 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the UC Multipurpose Room. Lunch will be served, and the registration deadline is **October 16, 2017**. The theme is "How to have difficult conversations face to face and on-line." There will be speakers from UNC Charlotte and Clemson in addition to WCU's Chief Diversity Officer, Ricardo Nazario-Colon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Submitted by – Elizabeth Frazier

Please note: All attachments are on file in the Graduate School with the Graduate Council meeting minutes.