

**Graduate Council
Minutes
October 11, 2019**

The Graduate Council met on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the UC Dogwood Room.

Members present: J. Bowers-Campbell, J. Campbell, M. Claxton, J. Crolley-Simic, B. Gehrig, L. Hammer (Sarah Bryan proxy), Y. Hillon, D. Hudson, J. Hyman, B. Kloeppe, R. Laboray, H. Rimes, T. Orr, A. Perry (Jon Campbell proxy), T. Rogers, A. Rutishauser, R. Scales (Tom Rogers proxy), and P. Yanik (Bruce Gehrig proxy)

Members absent: C. Parrish, S. Rader, F. Razzaghi, M. Snyder, and Y. Yan

Others present: E. Frazier

Approval of the Minutes Motion and second to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Program Updates

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) fall term travel grant applications are under review. A request to increase the travel grant budget from \$20,000 to \$25,000 was approved.

The Graduate Student Association will be hosting a Social Networking night on October 30 during Graduate Education week. GSA is asking for graduate program support to encourage graduate students to attend the event. The event is for both undergraduate students and graduate students.

Financial Aid announced that the FAFSA is available for 2020-21. Scholarship applications for 2020-21 are now available.

The College of Business AACSB accreditation process is beginning.

The MPA program accreditation self-study is beginning.

Graduate School Open House registration numbers continue to increase. Attendance at Open House has been very good.

Graduate School requested program director business cards to distribute at recruiting events.

Academic Policy and Graduate Faculty Review

The following nominations required more information from the department head. The nominations will be reviewed and presented to the Graduate Council at the November 1 Graduate Council meeting.

Dr. Mary-Rose Papandrea	Human Services	Affiliate
Dr. Diane Villwock	Human Services	Affiliate

The Academic Policy and Graduate Faculty Review Committee will be reviewing the program dismissal policy for future Graduate Council discussion.

Curriculum Review

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

History – Graduate New Course Proposals

Brief Explanation of Proposed Courses:

The following explanation applies to all four of the History courses under consideration.

This is not exactly a new course as we have offered it several times already as a 593 topics course. As we are working our way through the approval of the ABM concentration, we are working on assigning these long time topics courses permanent course numbers.

HIST – 568 – Heritage Tourism.

This course considers the history of heritage tourism and how it has developed in the United States. Heritage tourism has been used not only as a method for preserving landscapes and sites of historical importance, but also as a tool for promoting nationalism, boosting local economies, and selling real and imagined identities. With that in mind, this class will ask: what are the consequences of selling the past?

Approved.

HIST – 570 – History and Memory in the American South.

History and Memory in the American South explores public memory and regional identities. This class will analyze the ways in which southern communities have recalled and commemorated their pasts, paying particular attention to preservation sites, tourist destinations, and public monuments. It will examine what communities in the South have chosen to remember and to forget, and ask how and why those decisions have been made.

Approved.

HIST – 575 – History and Genealogy.

This course introduces students to the uses and cultural importance of family history, while also training them in the techniques of doing genealogy. They will study genealogy and its relationship to nostalgia, ethnicity, regionalism, slavery, race, and national identity, learning how family history and genealogy have been deployed in various ways by different groups at different times - from elite families in colonial British America, to the new bourgeoisie of nineteenth-century America, to slaves and freed African Americans in era of Civil War, to new "white ethnic" groups in the twentieth century, to minority and marginal people in our modern day.

Approved.

HIST – 576 – Studies in Historic Preservation.

This course examines both the history and contemporary practice of historic preservation. Students will consider how and why the preservation movement developed in the United States, examine the people who and organizations that drove the movement, explore how and why historical interpretations of the built environment have changed over time, and consider the questions and issues that current preservationists face.

Approved.

Financial Assistance

The Financial Assistance Committee met on Wednesday October 9, 2019.

Planning for Committee work for 2019-2020

GA Allocations for 2020-2021

The committee requirements will be dependent on available funding and will continue to work with the Dean of the Graduate School.

Student Scholarship Awards

The committee will continue to review data on 3-year scholarship awards and review the process for awarding 10 one-time \$1,000 tuition award for 2020-2021. If additional scholarship money becomes available, the committee will advise the Dean of the Graduate School regarding allocation of these funds.

The committee will continue to advocate for graduate level scholarships

Summer Research Assistantships

The committee will review the application and rubric prior to making the application available in the 2020 spring term.

Dean Kloeppe requested the Financial Assistance Committee investigate the approved uses of the \$10 marketing funds collected from Graduate School application fees.

Dean Report

Scholarship Program Enrollment and Quality Metrics

Dean Kloeppe distributed a handout summarizing the scholarship program enrollment and quality metrics for the eight Programs of Excellence.

Update on Director of Marketing and Recruiting position

Dean Kloeppe informed the Graduate Council that the Director of Marketing and Recruiting position has been approved for hire. The job description is under review and revision, and a search committee will be selected. The job will be posted in October after the job description is revised.

Associate Dean Report

Dr. Joy Bowers Campbell, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, reminded the Graduate Council about Graduate Education week October 28-November 1.

Graduate Council was invited to attend the Graduate Education Summit on October 31 from 12-2pm in the Blue Ridge Conference Room. An application link is available at <https://www.wcu.edu/apply/graduate-school/resources-faculty-staff/graduate-education-summit/index.aspx>.

Agenda

Review of six-year time limit Graduate Catalog policy for Western Carolina University

Dean Kloeppe reviewed the six-year time limit Graduate Catalog policy with the Graduate Council. After discussion, no revisions to the policy were recommended by the Graduate Council.

Graduate Council Agenda Topics

Please send Dean Kloeppe Graduate Council agenda topics for the 2019-20 academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Submitted by – Elizabeth Frazier

Please note: All attachments are on file in the Graduate School.