

**Graduate Council  
Minutes  
September 13, 2019**

The Graduate Council met on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the UC Dogwood Room.

Members present: J. Bowers-Campbell, J. Campbell, M. Claxton, J. Crolley-Simic, B. Gehrig, Y. Hillon, D. Hudson, J. Hyman, R. Laboray, H. Rimes, T. Orr, C. Parrish, A. Perry, S. Rader, T. Rogers, A. Rutishauser, R. Scales, M. Snyder, and P. Yanik

Members absent: L. Hammer, B. Kloeppe, F. Razzaghi, and Y. Yan

Others present: E. Frazier, C. Huffman

**Approval of the Minutes** Motion and second to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

**Program Updates**

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) provided a handout of upcoming GSA activities in the 2019 fall term. The GSA fall term travel grant application is due on October 1.

The Elementary and Middle Grades Education program received an external grant of \$3000 to perform a longitudinal research study in a writing methods course.

The MFA program reported the following student accomplishments:  
Summer 2019

- 2019 Summer Research Assistantship (4 SOA+D MFA's \$3,000 each)
  - Sara Method, Matt Hellgeth, Lydia Clarridge and Alexa Turnbull
  
- Lydia See
  - [“All For NC Fellows Award”](#), Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, \$75K award fellowship
  - FIRST PLACE - *Analog / Digital*, Beacon Gallery, Boston, MA (juried)
  - Accepted into the permanent collection of the Library and Resource Center at the National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington DC
  
- Eli Blasko
  - Damyang International Art Festival 2019 (South Korea), 12 international artists (juried)participating.
  - *Interlace: Time/Body*. Spartanburg Art Museum, Solo Exhibition
  - Adidas Mural Commission, Spartanburg, SC
  - Public Artwork for the League Academy, Greenville, SC.
  
- Alexa Turnbull
  - Video Installation/Screening: Peach Pie, Goodyear Arts, Charlotte, NC (juried)
  - [Bad Video Art Festival at Zverev Center of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia](#) (juried)
  - Revolve, Asheville, Intern and Prison artwork program coordinator in conjunction with [NYC based Worth Rises](#). (juried)
  
- Mo Kessler
  - *Appalachian Futures: Regional Artists Respond*, Group Curated Exhibition, West Virginia University, Morgantown WV, (juried/invitational)
  
- Kate Chassner
  - Painting/Mural Commission, Mission Hospital, Asheville

- Ray Baccari
  - *The Graduate Student Biennial 2019*, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA (juried)  
<https://www.theclaystudio.org/exhibitions/graduate-student-biennial-2019>
- Sara Method
  - *NC Artists Exhibition 2019*, Contemporary Art Museum, Raleigh (juried)
  - Recognized as outstanding presenter at 2019 Graduate Research Symposium
  - Represented WCU at the Graduate Education Day at NC General Assembly, Raleigh, NC
  - Artist-in-Residence, Summer 2019, Highlands Biological Station, Highlands, NC

## 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 and were approved.

Dr. Christina Kellogg	Biology	Affiliate
Ms. Elizabeth Hillard	Biology	Affiliate
Dr. Kenneth Kozak	Biology	Affiliate

Approved.

The Academic Policy and Graduate Faculty Review met, and will be reviewing two items for future Graduate Council discussion. There was general discussion around the topic of whether policy and financial resources need to catch up to where graduate enrollment is.

## Curriculum Review

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

**Chemistry (M.S.):** Graduate Program Change Proposal. Dr. Carmen Huffman, the Graduate Chemistry program director, was present to answer questions.

Brief Explanation of Proposed Change:

The addition of the "Honors College Graduate Advantage" will allow undergraduate students who graduate from the Honors College with a B.S. degree in chemistry to waive certain application requirements for the WCU M.S. chemistry program. In addition, those students will be automatically accepted into the program.

The addition of the Honors College Graduate Advantage supports a goal of both the Honors College and WCU to recruit high quality students to WCU.

Approved.

**CSD - 622 - Cognitive-Communication Disorders:** Graduate New Course Proposal

Brief Explanation of Proposed Course:

In this course, students will learn the prevention, assessment, and treatment of cognitive-communicative disorders related to major neurocognitive disorder and traumatic brain injury across the lifespan.

This course has been offered as a special topics course. Based on feedback from alumni, employers of alumni and stakeholders of the program it has been determined that a cognitive course is needed as a required course for our graduate department.

Approved.

## Financial Assistance

Nothing to report from the Financial Assistance Committee.

## **Dean Report**

### **Enrollment Update**

The Census Enrollment Report was distributed.

## **Associate Dean Report**

Dr. Joy Bowers Campbell, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, provided two handouts to the Graduate Council, a “Headcount by Term report for Distance students” and a “Headcount by Term report for Resident students.” The report showed 48% of total graduate enrollment is distance students, and it was reported at the Program Director meetings that the Biltmore Park instructional site is servicing 741 graduate students in the 2019 fall term.

The handouts were distributed to generate discussion about the following topics:

- Who are WCU graduate students (changes)
- Thinking about online engagement

## **Agenda**

### **Doctorate of Social Work Request to Establish**

Josie Crolley-Simic presented the “Doctorate of Social Work Request to Establish” to the Graduate Council. After questions and discussion a motion to endorse the proposal was made and seconded. The Graduate Council voted to endorse the proposal.

### **Graduate Council Agenda Topics**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by – Elizabeth Frazier

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