
Graduate Council Minutes
The University of Alabama
September 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held in Room 3700 (Ferguson Forum) of the Ferguson Student Center on Tuesday, the 11th day of september at 3:00pm.

Members Present:

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| Dr. Arthur Allaway | Dr. Cameron Mayer |
| Dr. Marco Bonizzoni present, proxy for Dr. Dawn Williams | Dr. Mary Meares |
| Dr. Joy Burnham | Dr. Sharif Melouk |
| Dr. Lisa Davis | Dr. Michelle Montgomery, proxy for Dr. Debra Whisenant |
| Dr. Diedre Dunn | Dr. Kevin Mullally, proxy for Dr. Joshua Pierce |
| Dr. William Evans | Dr. Angelia Paschal |
| Dr. Tom Fitzgibbon | Dr. Raheem Paxton |
| Dr. Ann Graves | Dr. Albert Pionke |
| Dr. Peter Harms | Dr. Dan Riches |
| Dr. Janie Hubbard | Dr. Cecil Robinson |
| Dr. Tiffany Hylton, proxy for Dr. Linda Knol | Dr. Jenny Shaw |
| Dr. Sebrena Jackson | Dr. Steve Shepard |
| Dr. Tonja Jones, proxy for Lucy Curzon | Dr. Brenda Smith |
| Dr. Aaron Kuntz | Dr. Timothy Snowden, proxy for Dr. Jeffrey Lozier |
| Dr. Amy Lang | Dr. Amanda Thompson |
| Dr. Steven MacCall | Dr. Vivian Wright |

Ex-Officio Members:

Dr. Susan Carvalho, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost
Dr. Kevin Whitaker, Provost

Graduate School Representatives Present:

Dr. Cathy Pagani, Associate Dean
Dr. Andrew Goodliffe, Associate Dean
Mrs. Beth Yarbrough, Graduate Registrar
Mrs. Lesley Campbell, Director of Graduate Recruitment
Mr. Stanley Pickering, Office Associate

Student Representatives Present:

Mr. Ranier Robinson

Guests Present:

Dr. Ginger Bishop
Dr. Carmen Jones

I. Welcome and Introduction

- A. Dr. Kevin Whitaker addressed the council. He stated that he was trying to implement similar councils elsewhere on campus, specifically undergrad. He thanked the committee. He also stated that our enrollment numbers were up 2.7% at graduate level and that the work of the council was important to that.
- B. Dr. Andrew Goodliffe opened the meeting and asked to any corrections to the previous meeting's minutes.
 - a. Mrs. Beth Yarbrough stated that three persons were left off of the attendance list: Lesley Campbell, Ann Graves, and Lucy Curzon. The minutes were amended to correct this error.
 - b. The minutes were approved as amended.

II. Reports from Graduate Council Committees

A. Admissions and Recruitment: Dr. Andrew Graettinger, Chair

- i. Economics AMP proposal (Economics B.A. to Economics M.A.)
 - a. Approved unanimously.
- ii. Economics AMP proposal (Finance B.A. to Economics M.A.)
 - a. Approved unanimously.
- iii. Economics AMP admission test score waiver
 - a. Would allow students to be admitted to the AMP without an admission test score if they have an overall GPA of 3.3 or above.
 - b. It was stated that the proposal did not get wide support in the department before it was sent to the committee.
 - c. The committee withdrew the proposal from consideration.
- iv. Finance AMP proposal (Economics B.A. to Finance M.S.)
 - a. Approved unanimously.
- v. Finance AMP proposal (Economics B.S. to Finance M.S.)
 - a. Approved unanimously.
- vi. Finance AMP admission test score waiver
 - a. Waiver removed from consideration because it had not been adequately discussed at the departmental level before being sent to the committee.
- vii. Health Education and Promotion AMP (Public Health B.S. to Health Education and Promotion M.S.)
 - a. Approved unanimously.
- viii. Health Education and Promotion MPH admission test score waiver
 - a. Would waive the admission test score requirement for students with an overall GPA above 3.0.
 - b. It was stated that this waiver already exists in other, similar program that has had good results.
 - c. Approved unanimously.
- ix. Amendment to admission criteria to permit a "double-stamped" admission.
 - a. Amended to include that the student must "obtain permission to continue," for the sake of continuity with current policy.
 - b. Approved unanimously as amended.

B. Fellowships and Scholarships: Dr. Mary Meares, Chair

- i. Awarding of fellowships was made earlier to ensure that The University of Alabama was one of the first schools to make awards to students.
- ii. There was a drop in acceptance rate of the fellowships.
- iii. There was discussion about the competitiveness of the stipends awarded by the university. It was widely agreed upon that the stipends are far from competitive.

C. Teaching, Research, and Service Awards: Dr. Vivian Wright, Chair

- i. There was not much news to report. The committee recommends that departments begin deciding who they would like to nominate for awards.

D. Program and Degree Requirements, Research, and New Programs: Dr. Daniel Riches, Chair

- i. NISP, M.S. Management Information Systems
 - a. No resources will have to be reallocated.
 - b. Approved unanimously.
- ii. NISP, Ph.D. Management Information Systems
 - a. Approved unanimously.

E. Policy: Dr. Albert Pionke, Chair

- i. Members of the new committee were introduced.
- ii. Dr. Pionke announced the committee's priorities
 - a. First priority was the changes requested by the nursing program.
 - b. Second priority was to draft official bylaws for the Graduate Council.
- iii. Dr. Pionke stated that it seemed clear from the meeting today that there needs to be an established manner of Graduate School oversight of the departments.

III. Reports from the Dean's Office and Academic Affairs

- i. Overall enrollment is up, but international enrollment is down.
 - a. This is happening across the United States.
 - b. African American enrollment is up.
- ii. Motion to adjourn.
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.

Minutes taken by: Stanley Pickering III