

II. Approval of Minutes from Graduate Council Meeting, 11/15/2018

Graduate Council Minutes

The University of Alabama

November 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held in Room 3700 (Ferguson Forum) of the Ferguson Student Center on Tuesday, the 15th day of November at 3:00pm.

Members Present:

Dr. Arthur Allaway
Dr. Marco Bonizzoni
Dr. Lucy Curzon
Dr. William Evans
Dr. Tom Fitzgibbon
Dr. Andrew Graettinger
Dr. Ann Graves
Dr. Peter Harms
Dr. Karri Holley
Dr. Sebrena Jackson
Dr. Linda Knol
Dr. Aaron Kuntz
Dr. Amy Lang
Dr. Deidre Leaver-Dunn
Dr. Steven MacCall
Dr. Alice March
Dr. Carmen Mayer

Dr. Mary Meares
Dr. Sharif Melouk
Dr. Angelia Paschal
Dr. Joshua Pierce
Dr. Albert Pionke
Dr. Daniel Riches
Dr. Cecil Robinson
Dr. Jenny Shaw
Dr. Steve Shepard
Dr. Brenda Smith
Dr. Timothy Snowden (alt. for Jeff Lozier)
Dr. Amanda Thompson
Dr. Stephen Tomlinson (alt. for Joy Burnham)
Dr. Debra Whisenant
Dr. Vivian Wright
Dr. Mesut Yavuz

Members Absent:

Dr. Ajay Agrawal
Dr. Joy Burnham
Dr. Lisa Davis

Dr. Raheem Paxton
Dr. Ranier Robinson
Dr. Dawn Williams

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
Mrs. Beth Yarbrough, Registrar
Mr. Stanley Pickering, Office Associate

Student Representatives Present:

Ms. Raven Eldridge

Guests Present:

Virginia Bishop

I. Welcome and Introduction

Minutes Approved

II. Reports from Graduate Council Committees

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

- i. No items to report

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

- i. It was stated that the committee would make a request for a larger budget for fellowships to make them more competitive with fellowships from other institutions.
 - a. It was asked why the fellowships do not have a work requirement of any kind.
 - 1. It was stated that the first round of nominations is often tied with doing research, as the first round is given to currently enrolled students. As for the other rounds, it was stated that it was up to the departments to make wise investments in their fellowship nominations.

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

- i. Dr. Wright asked the members of the council to remind their departments to submit nominations for awards.

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

- i. Dr. Curzon put forward a proposal to change the name of the committee to "The Graduate Curriculum Committee."
 - a. Proposal was approved unanimously.
- ii. Proposal for M.S. in Hospitality Management with a concentration in Sport Hospitality.
 - a. There was concern among some members of the council that this

concentration would have some overlap with the program in sports pedagogy.

- b. It was determined that there was no overlap, as the proposed concentration focuses on the operation and organization of sporting events, stadium, and other sports venues, whereas sports pedagogy focuses on the functions of the teams and coaching.
- c. There was a vote, and the proposal was approved unanimously.

E. Policy: Dr. Albert Pionke, Chair

- i. The Policy Committee reported to the council that it is taking on three policy changes, two of which are up for consideration today.
- ii. Bylaws
 - a. The committee has been benchmarking other universities' bylaws for their Graduate School governing bodies.
 - b. It was asked what policies would be put in place to ensure that the persons serving as committee chairs have the necessary experience.
 - c. Dr. Pionke stated that chairs would be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School. As of the time of this meeting, the procedure was for the Dean to meet with the Associate Deans, and the three of them would discuss who would best serve the committees as chairs.
- iii. Proposed amendment to appendix J, formerly appendix P, of the Faculty Handbook.
 - a. This would be a provision that the council would propose to the Faculty Senate.
 - b. This amendment is largely in order to reflect what is currently happening in the nursing DNP program, which does not have dissertations. The program has Scholarly Practice Projects.
 - c. It was determined that the wording should be altered from "Ph.D. Dissertation" to "Dissertation committees."
 - d. A vote on this item will occur at a council meeting in the spring.

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

- i. The 3-Minute Thesis competition concluded. First place was awarded to Nishani Moragoda. The People's Choice Award was given to Jian Gao.
- ii. The Alabama Alliance for Equity in Graduate & Professional Education
 - a. The University of Alabama and Stillman College will co-host the meeting of the alliance.
- iii. McNair Scholars visitation day
 - a. Some of the students have already applied, and the visitation day went well.
- iv. GTA Workshop
 - a. The Graduate School is making an expansion of the workshop—smaller workshops about focused, priority topics will take place throughout the year.
- v. Dr. Pagani stated that the Graduate School will be expanding the scope of the Publisher in Residence event, to have small workshops with departments or clusters of departments specifically about getting published in particular areas of focus.

IV. Reports from Standing University Committees

A. None to report.

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Minutes taken by: Stanley Pickering