

1 Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council

2  
3 November 13th, 2018

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5 Members Present: P. Lanier (MGMT), , T. Cline (ARCH), H. Damico (CODI), G. Davis (KNES), F. Del Favero  
6 (EDFL), , E. Habib (CIVE), R. Hernandez (CHEE), D. Khey (CJUS), J. Lemoine (NURS), C. Ratliff (ENGL), C.  
7 Roche-Wallace (MUS), B. Schubert (GEOL), K. Smith (ARCH), H. Stone (EDCI), T. Wilson (ACCT), D. White-  
8 Jefferson (NURS), J. Martinez (BIOL SREB Fellow), C. Lenahan (NURS), K. Hermann-Turner (COUE), C.  
9 Matherne (MGMT), H. Chu (CMIX)

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11 Members Absent: M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio), L. Bourdeau (MODL), S. Duke-Sylvester (BIOL), A.  
12 Petculescu (PHYS), M. Mokhtari (PETE), J. McManus (GSO)

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14 P. Lanier called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

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16 **Announcements**

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18 Motion made to accept the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

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20 Motion made to accept the applicants to candidacy. Motion seconded and carried.

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22 **Committee Reports**

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24 Student Appeals – No report.

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26 Curriculum Committee – Report provided by H. Stone. Motion made to accept report. Motion seconded  
27 and carried

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29 Fellowships Committee – No report.

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31 Graduate Faculty Membership – Report provided by W. Ferguson, not present. The report stated that of  
32 the 86 total graduate faculty applications submitted this cycle, 64 required no further review per  
33 University policy, and are thus recommended for appointment to the Graduate Faculty at the individual  
34 level applied for. The remaining Twenty-two applications were forwarded to this Committee for further  
35 review.

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37 Of those that were forwarded to the committee, twelve were unanimously recommended for  
38 appointment to Graduate Faculty status in accordance with that requested on their application, under  
39 the applicable, respective college criteria and the University Guidelines for Graduate Faculty  
40 Membership. Three applications were unanimously approved and recommended to the Level I status  
41 requested in their application, but were strongly encouraged to reapply as they were identified as  
42 exceeding the applicable Level I college criteria by this Committee and/or one or more of the three  
43 College review entities. Two applications were unanimously approved and recommended to the level  
44 higher than that requested in their application at the request of College representatives due to  
45 miscommunication/ misunderstanding regarding which level represented the “highest” level of graduate  
46 faculty membership. Three applications were unanimously recommended to Level I, lower than that  
47 they requested in their application, due to deficiencies identified by one, or more, of their three College  
48 review entities. Two applications were denied graduate faculty membership at the level requested in

1 their current application, as the applications did not include documentation that a PhD/doctorate or  
2 similar “terminal degree” widely recognized in their field was held, as required by the respective college  
3 criteria and University Guidelines for Graduate Faculty Membership.  
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5 There was a general discussion by members of the council about improving communication regarding  
6 requirements for graduate faculty membership and how academic accomplishments are evaluated by  
7 program.  
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9 Motion made to accept the report with the caveat that the Chair of the Council confirms that holding a  
10 terminal degree is a requirement for graduate faculty membership. Motion seconded and carried.  
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## 12 **Old Business**

### 13 **2018-2019 Grand Marshal Nominations**

14 P. Lanier reported that Dr. Jenneke Visser has accepted the nomination to be Grand Marshal in  
15 December and that M. Farmer-Kaiser was scheduling the spring and summer Grand Marshal nominees.  
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### 18 **Update to Graduate Council Handbook Curriculum Standing Committee Description**

19 P. Lanier reported while the Graduate Council made the decision to empower the Curriculum  
20 Committee to approve course proposals so approval of changes to courses could move more quickly to  
21 approval, the Council Handbook now needed to be updated to reflect that decision. She submitted a  
22 proposed revision that used the same language from the student appeals committee stating that  
23 “Decisions of the committee are definitive, but they are reported to the Graduate Council so that it can  
24 review the reasonableness and soundness of decisions.” H. Stone proposed that the  
25 previous sentence also be removed to maintain consistency "Course proposals approved by  
26 the committee are presented to the Graduate Council for its approval." Motion made to accept the  
27 proposed changes to the handbook. Motion seconded and carried.  
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## 29 **New Business**

### 30 **Request for Continuation of Thesis Committee Chair/Membership for Departing** 31 **Faculty Member**

32 The reviewed a request submitted by a department head that a faculty member who is going on leave  
33 next semester remain as a thesis supervisor for a student as sole the chair. After a general discussion  
34 aimed primarily at determining the specifics of the request, a motion was made to approve the request  
35 with the requirement that a co-chair be required who would be present on campus next semester.  
36 Motion seconded and carried.  
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### 39 **Request to Accept Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE) Scores to Satisfy Graduate** 40 **English Language Proficiency Requirements (along with TOEFL and IELTS scores)**

41 P. Lanier shared a proposal for a catalog revision that would allow scores from the Pearson Test of  
42 English (PTE) to be used to satisfy the English Language Proficiency graduate application requirement.  
43 The Council reviewed the materials included in their packet and discussed the advantages of allow for  
44 applicants to apply with PTE scores. Motion made to accept the proposed catalog revision. Motion  
45 seconded and carried.  
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47 Meeting Adjourned at 3:12 pm