

1 Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council

2
3 November 12, 2019

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5 Members Present: P. Lanier (MGMT), H. Damico (CODI), G. Davis (KNES), F. Del Favero (EDFL), Eric Ferré
6 (GEOL), J. Geer (ENGL), A. Latiolais (ARCH), J. Lemoine (NURS), C. Lenahan (NURS), C. Matherne
7 (MGMT), R. Mielusel (MODL), C. Parker (HIST), A. Petculescu (PHYS), C. Roche-Wallace (MUS), H. Stone
8 (EDCI), B. Wade (MATH), D. White-Jefferson (NURS), M. Zappi (CHEE), J. Miller (MS PHYS), A. Ibrahim
9 (MS COUE), M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio)

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11 Members Absent: A. Barhorst (MCHE), T. Cline (ARCH), S. Duke-Sylvester (BIOL), S. Kahn (ACCT), D. Khey
12 (CJUS), M. Mokhtari (PETE)

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14 P. Lanier called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

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16 Motion made to accept the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

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18 **Presentation of Applicants to Candidacy**

19 Motion made to accept presentation of applicants to candidacy. Motion seconded and carried.

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21 **Committee Reports**

22 Student Appeals – No report.

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24 Curriculum Committee – A report, with action sheet, was submitted to the Graduate School by S. Young
25 stating that in October, the Curriculum Committee reviewed 5 course change forms and that 4 were
26 approved, 1 was recommended for approval with changes, and no courses were declined by the
27 committee. Motion made to accept the report. Motion seconded and carried.

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29 Fellowships Committee – No report.

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31 Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – Two reports were provided by C. Ratliff, not present. The
32 first report detailed those graduate faculty applications that did not require Committee review as all
33 three independent review entities (College Dean, Department Head, and College Peer Review
34 Committee) were in agreement with recommendation for appointment at the level requested by the
35 individual applicants. The second report detailed those graduate faculty applications that required
36 review by the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee

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38 Of the 63 total graduate faculty applications submitted this cycle, 44 required no further review per
39 University policy, and thus were recommended appointment to the Graduate Faculty at the
40 membership level applied for by the individual applicants and as recommended by their respective
41 colleges. The remaining 19 applications were forwarded to this Committee for further review.

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43 Of those applications forwarded to the Committee, 13 were reviewed as a result of a missing
44 recommendation(s) from the three college review entities; the Committee recommended unanimously
45 that these appointments be made in accordance with that requested on their applications and as
46 recommended by the college recommendations received. Three applications were recommended for
47 level I membership requested in the application, but the Committee noted that the letter of
48 appointment might encourage reapplication as the applicant was identified as exceeding the college

1 criteria for level I membership by the Committee and/or one or more of the three College review
2 entities. One application, after careful consideration and with the support of two of the three college
3 review entities, was recommended for appointment at Level 2. One application was similarly
4 recommended for appointment at Level 2 upon review of the three college review entities'
5 recommendations that had agreed on this level of appointment despite some inconsistency in
6 comments; the Committee recommended that these such cases not be forwarded to it in the future.
7 And, finally, one application, after careful consideration, was recommended for appointment at Level I,
8 a level of membership lower than that requested by the applicant.

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10 Motion to accept report and recommendations as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

11 **Old Business**

12 **Catalog Change: Regular Admission Appeal**

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14 The policy proposal to allow for an appeal for regular, without condition, admission was reviewed.
15 Motion to approve seconded and carried.

16 **Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Graduate Community Campus Experience**

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18 P. Lanier did not submit a written report but rather said that progress was going smoothly and that the
19 goal remains to complete the survey by the end of the semester so in order to submit for IRB approval
20 and launch the survey during Graduate Student Appreciation Week in Spring 2020.

21 **Continuing Discussion of Graduate Part-Time and Continuous Enrollment Rates, 22 Definitions, and Requirements**

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24 M. Farmer-Kaiser reported that she is continuing to work on the remaining cost-revenue analysis
25 portion with the Provost and hopes to be able to share additional during the December meeting. This
26 will help inform what steps should be taken, including whether the Council should create an ad hoc
27 committee, bring this to the University Committee for Graduate Student Success and Retention, or
28 potentially do both.

29 **New Business**

30 **2020 Grand Marshal Nominations**

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32 P. Lanier noted that the Council is filling two spots this year since a previously selected grand marshal
33 had requested that they wait to participate until this semester. A general discussion of the nominations
34 grand marshal followed, along with a round of voting that selected two candidates. M. Farmer-Kaiser
35 will extend the invitations and report back to the Council in December.

36 **Invited Guest: Dr. Bryan Hanson, Ombudsperson at Virginia Tech University**

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38 B. Hanson introduced his role and the initiatives at Virginia Tech University, as developed by the
39 Graduate School, that focused on disrupting academic bullying. M. Farmer Kaiser thanked Bryan for
40 coming and invited faculty to participate in his workshop the following morning, adding that there
41 would be additional workshops on the same topic for graduate students and members of University
42 administration.

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46 Motion made to adjourn at 3:15. Motion seconded and carried