

1 **Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council**  
2 **October 13, 2020**

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4 Members Present: Jennifer Lemoine (Chair NURS), Joshua Bendickson (MGMT), Brian Bolton (ECON),  
5 Terrence Chambers (MCHE), Frank Del Favero (EDFL) , Ashlie Latiolais (ARCH), Christy Lenahan (NURS),  
6 Manyu Li (PSYC), Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (EDFL), Chad Parker (HIST), Andi Petculescu (PHYS), Roger  
7 Rholdon (NURS), Catherine Roche-Wallace (MUS), David Squires (ENGL), Heather Stone (EDCI), Michael  
8 Totaro (CMIX), Bruce Wade (MATH), Benjamin Yates (MUS), Mark Zappi (CHEE), Sarah Smith (GSO, PhD  
9 MODL), Brittany Grissom (SREB, PhD BIOL), M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio)

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11 Members Absent: James Albert (BIOL), Alan Barhorst (MCHE), Sarfraz Khan (ACCT), David Khey (CJUS),  
12 Eric Ferré (GEOL)

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14 Guests Present: T. Mallery (Campus Diversity)

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16 J. Lemoine called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

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18 **Approvals**

19 Motion made to accept the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes with corrections. Motion seconded and  
20 carried.

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22 **Presentation of Applicants to Candidacy**

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

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25 **Committee Reports**

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27 **Student Appeals** – No report.

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29 **Curriculum Committee** – Report provided by Dr. Sarah Young and Dr. Chris Giroir stating that, in  
30 September, the committee reviewed 23 curriculum forms, 6 were course change requests, 17 where  
31 new course requests. 17 forms were approved with no changes, and six were approved with changes  
32 and no course change forms were declined

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34 **Fellowships Committee** – No report.

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36 **Graduate Faculty Membership Committee** – No report.

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38 **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** – T. Mallery reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee has  
39 formed five subgroups that correspond to the five imperatives of the Strategic Plan for Inclusive  
40 Excellence. These subgroups will focus on key initiatives including, for example, leading the James  
41 Jackson Community of Scholars, advocating for a university ombudsman, and reviewing university  
42 policies to evaluate their inclusivity. T. Mallery also shared that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee  
43 partnered with the Graduate School to host a listening session with graduate students and that it was a  
44 great opportunity to learn more about their needs and discuss some of the resources that are already  
45 available to them. In response to feedback received from students in that listening session, it was  
46 decided that the Graduate School and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee would host another  
47 session for LGBTQIA+ students during project ALLIES week later in October.

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1 **Old Business**

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3 **Appeals Ad Hoc Committee Update**

4 J. Lemoine reported that the update will be tabled because Y. Wu was unable to attend the meeting.

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6 **Graduate Council Goals and Objectives for 2020-2021**

7 J. Lemoine opened up discussion on the Graduate Council Goals and Objectives which had been shared  
8 with the Graduate Council electronically for their review. Discussion confirmed support for the graduate  
9 climate survey being launched in the spring semester as part of Graduate Student Appreciation Week,  
10 efforts will continue to re-launch the Statistical Consulting Center, and that the ad hoc committee to  
11 review the graduate faculty membership criteria at the department and university levels will be  
12 discussed in a future meeting. A brief review of last semester's objective to review the appeals process  
13 for graduate students also was discussed to clarify a question posed by F. Del Favero.

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15 **New Business**

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17 **3MT Virtual Competition**

18 P. de Mahy updated the members of the Graduate Council that the Three-Minute Thesis competition  
19 will be held remotely this year in response to the university's social distancing guidelines according to  
20 the standards set by the University of Queensland. Faculty were asked to consider volunteering to  
21 serve as judges in the competition and to encourage their students to participate in this opportunity to  
22 develop their online presentation skills and give more visibility to research in their program. In addition,  
23 P. de Mahy noted that workshops will be held both before and after the preliminary round of  
24 competitions to ensure that students who were interested in participating would have the support  
25 they needed to compete.

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27 **Date for Graduate Council**

28 After a discussion, it was agreed that the final meeting of the fall semester will be held on Thursday,  
29 December 3, at 2pm instead of Tuesday December 1.

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31 Motion made to adjourn at 2:49. Motion seconded and carried.