

1 Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council

2
3 February 11, 2020

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5 Members Present: P. Lanier (MGMT), A. Barhorst (MCHE), T. Cline (ARCH), H. Damico (CODI), G. Davis
6 (KNES), Eric Ferré (GEOL), J. Geer (ENGL), S. Kahn (ACCT), D. Khey (CJUS), A. Latiolais (ARCH), J. Lemoine
7 (NURS), C. Lenahan (NURS), C. Matherne (MGMT), R. Mielusel (MODL), M. Mokhtari (PETE), A.
8 Petculescu (PHYS), H. Stone (EDCI), B. Wade (MATH), D. White-Jefferson (NURS), A. Ibrahim (MS COUE),
9 M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-officio)

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11 Members Absent: F. Del Favero (EDFL), C. Parker (HIST), C. Roche-Wallace (MUS), M. Zappi (CHEE), J.
12 Miller (MS PHYS)

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14 P. Lanier called the meeting to order at 2:02pm and welcomed new members, Paige Byerly and Mike
15 Totaro, to the Graduate Council.

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17 Motion made to accept the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

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19 **Presentation of Applicants to Candidacy**

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

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22 **Save the Date: Keynote Address/Doctoral Candidacy Recognition, March 31st**

23 M. Farmer-Kaiser announced the date for the Graduate Student Appreciation Week Keynote Address
24 and Doctoral Candidacy Recognition and noted that, for the first time this spring, the ceremony will also
25 recognize doctoral mentors along with recipients of new graduate student and graduate faculty awards.
26 She requested volunteers to serve on a selection committee for the outstanding master's mentor, grad
27 student teaching excellence, and outstanding graduate student teaching awards.

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29 **Committee Reports**

30 Student Appeals – The Graduate Student Appeals Committee met on Friday, January 10, 2020 and
31 considered 81 graduate student appeals. Appeals included requests for admissions, comprehensive
32 exams, reinstatement with and without an assistantship, and transfer of credits earned at non-U.S.
33 institutions. The committee approved 67 appeals and denied 14 appeals. Motion made to accept the
34 committee report with revisions. Motion seconded and carried.

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36 Curriculum Committee – A report, with action sheet, was submitted to the Graduate School by S. Young
37 stating that in November, the Curriculum Committee reviewed 10 course change forms and that 6 were
38 approved with no changes, 3 were recommended for approval with changes, and one course was
39 declined by the committee. Motion made to accept the report. Motion seconded and carried.

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41 Fellowships Committee – No report.

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43 Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – No report.

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45 **Old Business**

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47 **Campus Experience Survey Update**

48 P. Lanier reported that they are preparing the survey for submission to IRB and that the plan is still to

1 hold town hall meetings answering questions about the survey during Grad Student Appreciation Week.
2 She added that there are three large-scale surveys going out this semester so it will be important that
3 the messaging is clear and timely.
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5 **Programming and Awards**

6 M. Farmer-Kaiser announced that Allison Scates, a Geology MS degree student, was selected as the
7 winner of our campus Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition and will represent UL Lafayette at the
8 upcoming regional 3MT competition at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools annual meeting in
9 March.

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11 Motion made to adjourn at 2:26. Motion seconded and carried