

1 **Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council**  
2 **April 12, 2022**

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4 Members Present: Chad Parker (Chair HIST), James Albert (BIOL), Alan Barhorst (MCHE), Amy Brown  
5 (PSYC), Frank Del Favero (EDFL), Deedra Harrington (NURS), Natalie Keefer (EDCI), Jennifer Lemoine  
6 (NURS), Catherine Roche-Wallace (MUS), Roger Rholdon (NURS), David Squires (ENGL), Heather Stone  
7 (EDCI), Michael Totaro (CMIX), Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (EDFL), Colleen Wolverton (MGMT)

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9 Members Absent: Gabby Atkinson (SREB Fellow, PhD BIOL), Terrence Chambers (MCHE), Eric Ferré,  
10 Raphaël Gottardi (GEOL), Patricia Hunt (GSO, PhD ALSS ), Sarfraz Khan (ACCT), M. Farmer-Kaiser (ex-  
11 officio), Ashlie Latiolais (ARCH), Benjamin Yates (MUS), Mark Zappi (CHEE)

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13 **Approvals**

14 Motion made to accept the March 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

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16 **Presentation of Applicants to Candidacy**

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

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19 **Committee Reports**

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21 **Curriculum Committee**

22 C. Parker shared a report on behalf of C. Giroir stating that the Curriculum Committee is in a state of re-  
23 organization as the purpose and function of the committee is changing to align with the  
24 recommendations of our current accrediting bodies. He added that a recommendation for the purpose  
25 of the newly identified committee will be provided to the Graduate Council in the upcoming fall  
26 semester.

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28 **Student Appeals**

29 No report.

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31 **Fellowships Committee**

32 No report.

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34 **Graduate Faculty Membership Committee**

35 Two reports were submitted by M. Sandoz, not present, from the Graduate Faculty Membership  
36 Committee. The first report detailed thirteen graduate faculty applications that did not require  
37 Committee review as all three independent review entities (College Dean, Department Head, and  
38 College Peer Review Committee) were in agreement with recommendation for appointment at the level  
39 requested by the individual applicants. The second report detailed two graduate faculty applications  
40 that required review by the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee. Motion made to accept the two  
41 reports, and the recommendations for appointment included, submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

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43 **Old Business**

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45 **Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's (ABM) Policy**

46 C. Parker asked that Graduate Council members review the proposal provided by M. Farmer-Kaiser in  
47 preparation for a discussion during the final May meeting.

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1 **Doctoral Fellows Community Update**

2 P. de Mahy reported that the Doctoral Fellows Luncheon that kicked off Graduate Student Appreciation  
3 Week was a success, noting that for many of the fellows this was the first time that they met fellow  
4 doctoral students in their program in person. He thanked the graduate faculty members who took the  
5 time to participate in the discussion and reported that the group was able to share helpful ideas about  
6 how the Fellows Community can provide meaningful professional development for its members as they  
7 begin meeting regularly in the Fall semester.

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10 **New Business**

11 **Climate Survey Updates**

12 P. de Mahy reported that feedback from both the original drafting committee and graduate assistants  
13 tasked with testing the climate survey heightened concerns about the length and thoroughness of the  
14 current version. He thanked the graduate faculty who are continuing to share their feedback and stated  
15 that the Graduate School will continue to work on edits with the goal of launching the survey before the  
16 end of the semester. He added that submission for IRB approval will require a finalized version of the  
17 survey. H. Stone offered to help and said that once the Graduate School is ready she would be happy to  
18 assist with expediting the approval process.

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20 **Grand Marshal Selection**

21 C. Parker stated that the Council is selecting the grand marshal among the nominations that were  
22 shared over the past month. A general discussion of the nominations grand marshal followed, along  
23 with a round of voting that selected a final candidate. M. Farmer-Kaiser will extend the invitations and  
24 report back to the Council in the May meeting.

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26 **Graduate Council Elections and Call for Committee Interest**

27 C. Parker reported that there will be two vacancies to be filled at the end of this semester and that  
28 nominations to the Graduate Council in the colleges of Liberal Arts and Engineering will close on  
29 Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be begin on the 27<sup>th</sup> and be announced at the Annual Graduate Faculty  
30 Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. P. de Mahy added that, in addition to the form requesting nominations, graduate  
31 faculty will also receive a form to express interest in one of the standing committees of the Graduate  
32 Council. C. Parker said that this will be the first time that the Graduate Council actively solicits interest  
33 from the graduate faculty community as a whole so that the incoming Graduate Council president and  
34 M. Farmer-Kaiser can have a more comprehensive reference for appointments.

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37 Motion made to adjourn at 3:02. Motion seconded and carried.