



## Minutes

### Graduate Council (2021-2022)

May 11, 2022 2-2:30 p.m.

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- I. Report of the Chair
  - a. Review and approval of April 2022 minutes (page 2)
- II. Executive Committee (Fred Vultee, Chair)
- III. New Programs and Program Review Committee (NPPR) (Todd Leff, Chair): Year in Review
- IV. Student Senate report (read on behalf of Asra Akhlaq)
- V. New Business
- VI. Report of the Academic Senate Liaisons
  - a. Linda Beale, Academic Senate
  - b. Ed Cackett, Research Committee
  - c. David Moss, Curriculum and Instruction Committee
  - d. Paul Dubinsky, Budget Committee
- VII. Adjournment

#### **Attendees:**

Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Linda Beale, Tamara Hew-Butler, Ed Cackett, Deborah Charboneau, Christine Chow, Steve Chrisomalis, Mary Clark, Christine D'Arpa, Marcus Dickson, Paul Dubinsky, Paul Johnson, Loreleigh Keashly, Poco Kernsmith, Athena Kheibari, Todd Leff, Carolyn Loh, Jeffrey Martin, Larry Matherly, Mary Anne McCoy, David Moss, Angulique Outlaw, Deborah Patterson, Sarah Pearline, Jeff Pruchnic, Sherry Quinn, Stella Resko, Robert Reynolds, Caterina Schueler, Jasmine Ulmer, Fred Vultee, April Vallerand, Zhengping Yi, Young-Ro Yoon

#### **Absent with notice:**

Asra Akhlaq, Mohamed Dabaja, Mary Wood, Rebeccah Sokol, Chera Kee, Malathy Shekhar

#### **Absent without notice:**

Rosanne DiZazzo-Miller, Jeffrey Martin, Mary Anne McCoy, Dan Walz, Attila Yaprak, Abe Biswas

#### **Report of the Chair**

The Dean opened the meeting by noting that two agendas were provided for the outgoing members of GC and incoming GC members. She then asked the GC meeting to provide any corrections to the April minutes. Hearing none the minutes were approved. She thanked the outgoing members for their service and recognized Mary K. Clark from EACPHS who was stepping down as a graduate officer since she was retiring. She noted that Linda Beale will continue as Academic Senate liaison. She noted others who will stay on as graduate officers (voice, but no vote). She then recognized each of the voting members of GC who are leaving: Abe Biswas, Jasmine Ulmer, Carolyn Loh, Poco Kernsmith, Rebeccah Sokol and Asra Akhlaq. She said a letter will be sent to each departing member to thank them for their service.

#### Executive Committee, Fred Vultee, Chair

Vultee said the proposal on graduate faculty categories will be discussed by graduate directors and the Deans before moving the proposal forward to the Provost's office. The goal with this proposal is to broaden participation and recognition of those who can participate in graduate governance.

#### New Programs and Program Review (NPPR), Todd Leff, Chair

Leff reported on the activities for the academic year. The slide he shared demonstrates how much activity there is in creating new programs and retiring programs that are no longer relevant. He then thanked the committee for their time. The slide listed the new programs and those that were inactivated. He said there may have been a bit more activity this year and this may continue next year as new programs are brought on-line. One NPPR committee member thanked Leff for his stewardship of the committee. The Dean noted that Leff was instrumental in making sure things don't get stuck and that the process moves along.

#### Student Senate Report

Asra Akhlaq was unable to attend so the Dean reported on her behalf. She said a new board of the Student Senate was elected, and there is a new graduate representative who we will introduce shortly.

#### Report of Academic Senate President Linda Beale

The Senate's final plenary session in May was attended by the Chair of the Board of Governors. He also attended the April session and the Vice Chair came to the main meeting. This has been really helpful in moving forward with the proposed change in the student code of conduct to give faculty information about the times that an administrator overturned their grade decision when there's been academic misconduct plagiarism cheating, etc. This change also involved a report that goes to the Provost and the Senate regarding the number and the rationale for overturning. She said they know about complaints that come in from faculty, but don't know how often that happens in general, and what the rationale may be. The revised policy still would have to go through the executive administrative process before it's finalized.

The search for a new VPR is underway. She and the Dean are on the search committee. She asked GC if they had any comments about what is important for the new VPR and to please share these comments. She noted that the Senate has been involved in the search committees for departing Deans. Search committees will also be formed for the College of Education and Humanities Center. She asked GC members to send her an email if they are interested in serving on a search committee. She then discussed 3N committees. One will look at promotion and tenure factors. The idea is whether we can consider refreshing and updating our factors to include perhaps the value of public scholarship. The committee will be set up fairly soon and then doing most of its work in the fall.

The Senate also hopes to create an ad hoc group to work on the Senate bylaws over the summer. This may become a standing committee. The Policy Committee has discussed having the elected faculty leaders of each of the school and college faculty assemblies/councils to be an ex officio member of the Academic Senate and a voting member of the Academic Senate. There is discussion on updating emeritus status for faculty and academic staff and an updated process of review of the research centers that would include an external review, rather than just a self-study, which often ends up being puffery and not a rigorous review. The Dean asked if the Senate had been involved in the search for a new VP of General Counsel. She said yes, but they have not interviewed candidates.

#### Report of the Liaison to Research Committee, Ed Cackett

Cackett said the committee met on April 21<sup>st</sup> and received a report from James Worm from C&IT. He discussed research computing and recent changes. There was some discussion about purchasing computers for research and that there is more flexibility than it initially appears when you look at the website. They are willing to work with anyone to get whatever computing system is needed. He encouraged people to email him with their concerns. Dean Amanda also came before the committee to discuss funding of PhD students and answer questions about tuition fees on grants. The Dean asked if the Research Committee had an avenue to weigh in on the VPR candidates. Beale said she has consistently argued about the need to have these high-level candidates meet key faculty groups. She said it may be appropriate to invite the Research Committee to interview candidates and she will suggest this, but she could not promise that this would happen. The Provost chairs this search committee.

#### Report of the Liaison to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, David Moss

The curriculum instruction committee met at the same time as GC last month, so he wasn't there, but Moss did read a transcript of the meeting. The Student Code of Conduct was discussed which was subsequently reviewed by the full Academic Senate. Either the President or Provost's office is looking into the numbers of students getting withdrawals from online courses. The focus of the discussion was undergraduate introductory courses. There might be concerns about online instruction and at the graduate level as well, but nothing was resolved in the discussion. There was also discussion of steps that the university can take to improve the pedagogy of faculty and graduate teaching assistants. This was a very general level discussion. It was noted that in many parts of the university, faculty have received no instruction in pedagogy as part of their training. The Dean noted that she was concerned over this issue. She added that not every graduate student wants to be a professor and we need to

provide training in transferrable skills. She said she was discussing these issues with the associate deans and hopes to roll out some initiatives next academic year. Linda Beale said a joint Senate and GC committee to discuss GTAs would make sense.

Report of the Liaison to the Budget Committee, Paul Dubinsky

Dubinsky said he would provide his report at a later time.

*A motion was made to adjourn the 2 p.m. meeting and seconded. The meeting adjourned.*

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- I. Welcome from the Chair
- II. Introduction of new Graduate Council members (2022-23)
  - a. Tamara Hew-Butler, Kinesiology, Health & Sport Studies, Education
  - b. Young-Ro Yoon, Economics, CLAS
  - c. Marcus Dickson, Psychology, CLAS
  - d. Athena Kheibara, Social Work
  - e. Stella Resko, Social Work (joining at 3 p.m.)
  - f. Mohamed Dabaja, Biological Sciences, Student Senate (unable to attend)
- III. Election of three Executive Committee members
  - a. Nominees
    - i. Edward Cackett, Physics, CLAS
    - ii. April Vallerand, Nursing
    - iii. Fred Vultee, Communication, FPCA
    - iv. Nominations from the floor
- IV. Adjournment

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The Dean called the meeting order. She introduced herself and welcomed incoming members. She then had each of the associate deans introduce themselves. The Dean said the meeting will orient the incoming members to GC. She said she works closely with the Academic Senate on important matters such as graduate faculty status. She noted that the bylaws of GC were changed this year to add two new standing committees: an awards and scholarship committee and a DEI committee. Committee members will be voluntary and seated in the fall.

The new members of GC each introduced themselves: Tamara Hew-Butler, Marcus Dickson, Athena Kheibari, Stella Resko and Young Ro-Yoon. The next item was the election of three Executive Committee members who are elected at the last meeting of the year. Chera Kee withdrew her nomination and the Dean noted she would be welcome back when she is ready. The three nominees were Fred Vultee, April Vallerand and Ed Cackett. A call was made for floor nominations. There were none.

*A motion was made to approve the slate of three nominees and seconded. The slate was approved.*

The Dean said she would appoint three other members and asked GC to send her suggestions. An incoming member asked if the meetings would be in Zoom in the fall. The Dean said there will be discussion on this. A poll will be sent out in August to collect feedback. Beale said for Senate plenary sessions they may use a hybrid format. Another GC member noted that their faculty assembly meetings typically occur the same time as GC and Zoom is a better option when meetings overlap.

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.*