



The Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 12, 2016

The Graduate Council met on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 1:00PM in room 311 of the Byrnes Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Matt Brown, Chair; Drs. Drucilla Barker; Bobby Brame, Jr.; Cathy Brant; Matthew Childs; Maryah Fram; Caryn Outten; Douglas Pittman; David Stodden; Kellee White; Susan Yeorgan; Mark Van Driel, GSA Representative.

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Swann Adams, Dirk den Ouden, Blaine Griffin, Jason Hattrick-Simpers, Sali Li, David Tedeschi, and Scott White.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Murray Mitchell, Dale Moore, and Libby Cross.

Provost Office Representative: Dr. Tena Crews

NOTE: These minutes will become final on January 12, 2016 if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Matt Brown, Chair)

Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. The Agenda was amended to include six additional courses that were reviewed by the Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee. The amended agenda received Council approval.

2. **Approval of the [Minutes from November 28, 2016](http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp).** The minutes were reviewed electronically and approved by the Council. Minutes are on file at The Graduate School website at: <http://app.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/minutes.asp>

3. **Report of the Chair** (Matt Brown)

No report at this time.

4. **Report of the Dean of Graduate School** (Cheryl Addy)

On behalf of Dr. Addy, Dr. Mitchell reported that the doctoral hooding ceremony this morning was the largest in the history of the University of South Carolina. Other events of the day included a luncheon for honorary doctorates and the afternoon commencement ceremony at the Colonial Life Arena. It is much appreciated that Council members adjusted schedules to attend the meeting at 1:00pm, instead of 2:00, to accommodate those that will attend the afternoon commencement.

Dr. Addy attended the Council of Graduate Schools national meetings in Washington, DC, December 7-10, and will report more on the conference at the January Graduate Council meeting.

5. **Report of the Secretary of the Graduate Council/ Associate Dean** (Murray Mitchell)

Dr. Mitchell stated that it has been a busy semester and thanked committee chairs and members for another heavy and productive semester. The work of the Council would be far more onerous without the committees' excellent work.

6. **Report of the Graduate Student Association Representative** (Mark VanDriel)

No report at this time.

7. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Dirk den Ouden)

Dr. Brown stated that Dr. den Ouden and committee were asked by Dr. Addy to gather information on international program agreements (MOUs) for masters' and doctoral level students. The committee will report to Graduate Council on their progress at a future meeting.

8. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses, Distance Education and Special Topics Courses** (Murray Mitchell)

These three reports are offered for information purposes only. No action is required of the Council.

500/600 Level Courses

No report at this time.

Distance Education Delivery Courses

No report at this time.

Special Topics Courses

BADM 790 (3) Negotiations and Conflict Management in the Workplace, (Spring 2017)

BIOS 794 (3) SAS Certification Preparation (Summer 2017)

EPID 794 (3) Special Topics in Epidemiology: GIS and Public Health (Spring 2017)

EXSC 555 (3) Measurement of Physical Activity (Spring 2017)

EXSC 755 (3) Overload and Resistance Training with Aging and Disease (Summer 2017)

SLIS 797 (3) Fundamentals of Public Policy and Program Evaluation (Summer 2017)

9. **Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations** (Murray Mitchell)

There are no Associate Graduate Faculty nominations after a record number in November.

10. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Scott White)

Dr. Mitchell stated that Heather Brandt had sent out a note identifying the next round of applications.

There was a change in the Presidential Fellows scheme for accepting nominations. In an effort to diversify the representation of Presidential Fellows across the university, the committee is asking departments nominating multiples to rank order their nominations. Presidential Fellows is a recruitment strategy to sweeten the offer for stellar applicants.

11. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee (David Tedeschi)

Dr. Mitchell stated that a number of the proposals that are listed here, the six listed above EPID 767, were not on the original agenda. The committee report does not require a second, but does require action of the Council to approve the courses as offered.

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Each curricular action can be viewed at this Public Agenda review site: <https://www.sc.edu/programproposal/gradagenda/?id=18>

At this Public Agenda link, the individual proposals are not live-linked, but agenda items are listed in alphabetical order. To view the full proposals, GC members and Committee Chairs still need to go to the Committee Review site, and filter for "Committees", then for the "Committee" called "Added to GradCouncilagenda."

1. **BIOL 711** (3) Structure and Function of Nucleic Acids (Change to prerequisites). Fall 2017
2. **BIOL 717** (3) Biological Chemistry (Change to prerequisites). Fall 2017
3. **CHEM 751** (3) Biosynthesis of Macromolecules (Change to prerequisites). Spring 2017
4. **CHEM 752** (3) Regulation and Integration of Metabolism (Cross-listed with BIOL 718) (Change to prerequisites). Fall 2017
5. **CHEM 753** (3) Enzymology and Protein Chemistry (Cross-listed with BIOL 717) (Change to prerequisites). Fall 2017
6. **COMD 748** (3) Speech Pathology Management of Patients with Tracheostomy & Ventilator Dependency New Course Proposal, Fall 2017.
7. **EPID 767** (3) GIS and Public Health Applications, Public Health, NCP: Spring 2017

All proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee (Drucilla Barker)

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1. **INTE Major / Degree Program**, Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education, Terminate Degree Program: Fall 2019
2. **INTE Major / Degree Program**, Ed.S. in Teaching, Terminate Degree Program: Fall 2017
3. **ITEC 764 (3)** Project Management for Health Information, HRSM, CCP: Fall 2017
4. **LANG Major/ Degree Program**, Foreign Language, MAT (P-12 Certification), Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017
5. **MGMT 750 (3)**, Finance for Human Resource Professionals, Business, NCP: Fall 2017
6. **MGMT 780 (3)**, Entrepreneurial Finance and the Dynamics of Emerging Ventures, Business, NCP: Spring 2017
7. **POLI Major / Degree Program**, Masters of Public Administration, Change to Existing Program: Fall 2017

All proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

13. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Maryah Fram)

While there was no committee report, there was discussion regarding confusion about what issues should come to the committee, how communication unfolds, and how quickly some issues escalate. The discussion identified the desire for graduate student advocates; training for advocates to better understand this important role; written policies and procedures at the program, department and college level; better understanding of how to address academic and behavioral issues coming from the Office of Student Conduct; and better understanding of how issues affect international students.

14. Other Committee Reports

No report at this time.

15. Old Business

No report at this time.

16. New Business

No report at this time.

17. Good of the Order

Dr. Brown welcomed Dr. Tena Crews to Graduate Council. She will serve as the representative from the Provost's Office upon Dr. Finnigan's retirement at the end of January.

Dr. Mitchell reminded Council members and guests to please sign in on the Attendance Sheet for proper documentation of the meeting.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Next meeting: **Monday, January 23, at 2:00 pm.**

Murray Mitchell, Secretary

CC:

Harris Pastides, President
Joan Gabel, Provost
Cheryl Addy, Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marterer, University Registrar
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar
Andrew Graves, Office of the Registrar