

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
November 11, 2021

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, November 11, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Jill Anderson, Ford Ballantyne, Sundar Bharadwaj, Swarn Chatterjee, Merrily Dunn, Melissa Fahmy, Tim Foutz, Cari Goetcheus, Ruth Harman, Ed Kellough, Elizabeth Knight, Kyser Lough, Christof Meile, Kristen Navara, David Peterson, Kaori Sakamoto, Seth Wenger, and Catherine White. Ron Walcott, Anne Shaffer, Meredith Welch-Devine, Cheri Bliss, Robert Scott, Robin Bingham, and Olivia Myers represented the Graduate School. Subhraleena Dekka represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: Suchendra Bhandarkar, Jennifer Elkins, Rachel Fusco, Dan Johnson, David Mustard, Luke Naehar, Jennifer Samp, Jacek Siry, Shavannor Smith, Elizabeth St. Pierre, Dayton Wilde, and Teena Wilhelm.

VP/Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes of the September 22, 2021, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

- A. Administrative Committee
Ron Walcott, Ex Officio Member
No business to report.
- B. Appeals Committee
Kristen Navara, Interim Chair
The Appeals Committee has met once since the September 22 Graduate Council meeting. The committee met on October 11 to hear an admission decision appeal. The committee voted to deny the appeal.
- C. Program Committee
Seth Wenger, Chair
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Program Committee has reviewed and approved one proposal via Microsoft Teams. The Program Committee would like to bring the following action item to the Graduate Council for its consideration.
- Action Item: From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, a proposal to create a Graduate Certificate in Film and Media Scoring. *Approved 16-0*
- D. Policy and Planning Committee
Kaori Sakamoto, Chair
The PPC has met twice since the last Graduate Council meeting: October 14 and November 11. The following action items are being brought forward for consideration.
- Action Item: Proposed policy change to oral comprehensive examination. *Approved 16-0*

- Action Item: Proposed policy change for graduate students finishing courses with incomplete grades. *Approved 18-0*

Also, two prior items out for Graduate Program Faculty vote (setting of agenda items for Council consideration; increased graduate student representation with voting privileges) both passed GPF with a majority vote.

New Business

No new business.

Information Items

- A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 26 new courses, 39 course revisions, and 0 deletions.
- B. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 3:30pm, via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.