

Meeting Minutes of the Graduate Council  
December 12, 2023

Members Present: Amanda Shuford Mayeaux (Chair, EDFL), Marietta Adams (EDCI), Elena Babatsouli (CODI), Ashlie Boelkins (ARCH), Wesley Bradford (MUS), Ignatius Cahyanto (MKTG), Amy Brown, (PSYC), Frank Del Favero (EDFL), Javier Portillo-Elias (ECON), Kelly Robinson (BIOL), Leah Orr (ENG), Nathan Rabalais (MODL), Catherine Roche-Wallace (MUS), Frances Stueben (NURS), Beenish Chaudhry (CMIX), Clement Okolo (Ph.D. CS, GSO), Colleen Wolverton (MGMT), Peng Yin (MCHE), Mark Zappi (CHEE)

Members Absent: Farzard Ferdowski (EECE), Raju Gottumukkala (MCHE), Deedra Harrington (NURS), Kalimuthu, LaToya Roberts (PhD ALSS, GSO), Robin Koytcheff (MATH), Christy Lenahan (NURS)

Invited Guests Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

The provost discussed the university's strategic planning efforts, emphasizing that all grad education is central to programmatic development. He added that, now that R1 status has been achieved, programmatic growth and process improvement will be essential to maintain the university's progress. In response to a question about upcoming challenges, he said that adding new faculty and filling vacant lines will be crucial, but these requests need to be informed by data. He also noted the importance of demonstrating the value of new graduate programs with changes in state leadership.

Approval of the November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the November 14, 2023 meeting minutes with edits. Motion seconded and carried.

Thank you to judges 3MT Preliminary Finalists Update

P. de Mahy thanked the graduate faculty who volunteered to serve as judges for the 3-Mintue thesis competition and announced that the 8 finalists were selected from 31 applicants across 14 programs. He added that the finals competition will be held in January to select the graduate student who will represent the university at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools in March 2024.

Graduate Council Dates

M. Farmer-Kaiser reported that the spring semester will be over by the second week in May so that the last Graduate Council meeting will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> rather than the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee

No report.

Student Appeals:

No report.

Fellowships Committee

No report.

IDEA Committee

No report.

Old Business

- 1 degree granting institutions and all institutions where graduate coursework has been attempted. A
- 2 motion was made to accept the proposed revisions. Motion seconded and carried.
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- 4 Motion made to adjourn at 4:18. Motion seconded and carried.